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DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #152.

SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

The night's activity was limited to minor patrolling. On W flank ey patrol was driven off while attempting to penetrate our lines NE of PICARDIE (8136). Friendly patrols reached 802373, 803378 and 798377 without contact but another patrol vic 784386 drew SA and MG fire from the N. On E flank 36 Div patrols from OFFENDORF (1312) reached 149120 and 143112 without contact. Heavy traffic was heard vic 952306 at 1900A hours.

During the morning ey offered stubborn resistance vic 094206 and patrol which reached 150184 located MG positions at 150182, 152185 and 152183. 103 Div's early morning raid on BISCHOLTZ (8532) took 11 PWs and our patrol engaged ey in fire fight at 867308.

In OBERHOFFEN CCB of 14 Armd Div pushed ey back to 093208 and 36 Div patrol located ey outpost vic 157129. 103 Div Arty observed 20 casualties after firing on 35-man work party at 912315; another group of 50-100 ey was observed at 905295 and when the 103 Div fired on them an ammo fire started which raged for several hours. Personnel were observed in BITSCHHOFFEN (9128) and in woods near the town; another group was seen at 937320 going toward MIETESHEIM (9331).

14 Armd Div's AOP adjusted fire on a suspected assembly area vic RJ 002265 and reported 6 casualties after the firing ceased. On the 45 Div front, ey was observed digging at 824374 at 1340 hours, and in spite of our heavy fire they continued to dig in that vicinity until 1600A hours. 45 Div patrols observed an estimated 15 ey in groups of 3 to 4 vic 844377. The ey arty fire was generally light over the entire Corps front.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. In contrast to the shelling of the last few days ey arty activity decreased considerably in the rt flank and probably as a result of our aggressive patrol activity during the night increased in the central sector. Prior to mid-night the reported ey shelling fell exclusively in the PHAFFENHOFFEN 9127 DAUNENDORF 9425 area with the exception of one lt concentration in the HERRLISHEIM area. During this period ey arty in the MIELESHEIM 9331, MERTZWILLER 9630, GRIESBACH 9632, triangle was responsible for several concentrations of 10530 rds from 1t calibers and one 20 rd concentration of medium cal. Shelling, except for intermittent scattered rds, ceased from midnight to 0600 hrs when OBERHOFFEN caught a few rds of 1t and ROHRWILLER at 0815 hrs received 75 rds of med. Inf in the woods E of ROHRWILLER were the target for a 1t concentration of med cal at noon and SCHWEIGHAUSEN caught 30 rds of 1t and 6 rds of reported hvy cal at the same time. HAGUENAU, PHAFFENHOFFEN, BISCHWILLER, and DAUNENDORF were the recipients of 1t concentrations of mixed cal fire during the afternoon. At the close of the period our fwd elements in the ROTHBACH and LICHTENBERG areas were harassed lightly by 105's. Observed shoots by our AOP's helped to keep ey shelling to a minimum, especially in the zone of the 36 Div.

Shellrep total: 27

101 Div-7, 36 Div-7, 103 Div-5, 45 Div-3, 33 Brig-1, 2 FOB-4.

b. Changes to EB List #23

(1) Suspect List #23-3 (Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional confirmation as a more accurate location)

048-264	6/-	PW
1569-1830	2/-	133 AOP
9441-3494	-/-	977 GOP
1173-2534	2/-	155 AOP

Except for a flash confirmation of 9531 ZQ no other activity was recorded by 2 FOB during the period.

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SUBJECT: Corps Artillery Intelligence Counterbattery Reports -  
II Corps Artillery Daily Periodic Report; VI Corps Artillery  
Daily Artillery Periodic Report; XV Corps Artillery Daily  
Artillery Periodic Report.

TO: Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, Army War College,  
Washington 25, D.C. (ATTENTION: A. C. of S., G-2).  
THROUGH: G-3 Section, AFHQ, APO 512, US Army.

1. The inclosed copies of reports noted in the heading above are furnished with the view to their being forwarded to the Field Artillery School for use as examples of type reports in conjunction with S-2 counterbattery instruction.

2. It will be noted that while two of the Corps classify these reports SECRET; the other Corps classified the report CONFIDENTIAL.

3. Recommend that since by the time these reports reach the Field Artillery School the information contained therein will be entirely out of date, the report be reclassified RESTRICTED, or that authority be granted to reclassify the reports as RESTRICTED upon receipt in the United States.

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3 Incls.

- Incl. 1 - Corps Arty Intelligence & Counterbtry Rpts, II Corps Arty.
- Incl. 2 - Daily Periodic Rpts 31 thru 54, VI Corps Arty.
- Incl. 3 - Daily Arty Periodic Rpt, XV Corps Arty, fr 8 Oct - 2 Nov 44.

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## SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Missions fired by the artillery with the Corps during the period were comparatively light due mainly to lack of enemy activity and poor visibility. During the afternoon GOP's were active in firing on targets of opportunity such as vehicles and personnel.

A light harassing program was fired during the night on 29 points consisting mainly of CR's and towns.

At 1340A the OP of Btry A, 977 FA, adjusted his Bn on ey vehicle at Q963324. One direct hit was obtained out of 7 rds fired.

At 1610A GOP, 977 FA Bn, adjusted his Bn on an ey battery at Q9441-3494. 20 rds were fired and a large column of black smoke was observed.

At 1450A the 35 Gp AOP adjusted the 17 FA Bn, using high angle fire and the Pozit fuze, on 4 vehicles and personnel at Q932-314. Rain prevented observation of the fire for effect.

The FO of the 321 Glider FA Bn adjusted the 634 FA Bn at 1709A on ey personnel in a building at R0283-2478. 12 rds were fired and 4 direct hits on the building were obtained. This same FO also adjusted the 634 FA Bn at 1726A on ey personnel at R0283-2469. Out of 16 rds fired 5 hits were observed among the personnel.

At 1453A the FO of the 499 AFA Bn adjusted the 634 FA Bn on an ey tank at R0154-2525. 32 rds were expended and the tank was reported destroyed.

An FO of the 463 Prcht FA Bn adjusted the 634 FA Bn at 1039A on an ey CP and OP at Q9975-2546. Out of 14 rds expended 3 direct hits were reported.

At 1310A the FO of Btry C, 382 FA Bn, adjusted his Bn on approximately 35 ey digging in at Q9124-3149. 29 rds were expended and 20 casualties were reported.

### b. Summary of Missions:

#### (1) Div Arty:

Type	14 ADA		36 IDA		45 IDA		101 A/B		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB				1		2		2		
Per	5		16		1	4	18	1	5	8
Veh	1						1	2	1	
MG & Mor			4		1		3	1	1	
Prop			1							3
Armor	1		1							
Def Fires			11							
Har		11		5		12		13		41
Reg	4		16		5		12		12	
Misc		6	4	9			4	1	3	
Prop						2				
TOTAL	11	17	53	15	7	20	38	20	22	52

#### (2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		4		1	2	2		1
Per	3		1		1	1		
Veh					1			
Armor	1							
Har		29		12		6		1
Reg	7				2		1	
Misc		2						
	11	35	1	13	6	9	1	2

AOP Missions: 10

## SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Front Lines: No change.

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ANNEX NO. 1 TO PERIODIC REPORT NO. 152

(Source: G-2 Report, 79 Inf Div, dated 5 Feb 1945)

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FOR PERIOD ENDING 301200 JANUARY 1945

(Source: Headquarters Twelfth Army Group)

The relentless sweep of Russian forces in the EAST through UPPER SILESIA and towards BERLIN, the final liquidation of the Germans' costly ARDENNES effort and the overwhelming build-up of American troops in ALSACE last week convinced the enemy that GERMANY had reached the most critical, if not the final, stage of the war. It was apparent that RUNDSTEDT had been ordered to assume the defensive all along the front including ALSACE and to send to RUSSIA all available forces.

How completely the Western Front will be denuded of Panzer divisions remains to be seen. There is no question that mobile forces are greatly in demand in the East where fast-moving Russian spearheads have overrun large bodies of Germany infantry and mauled the enemy Panzers that have been encountered. It would appear at present that Sixth SS Panzer Army is to be sent intact and almost certainly other armored units as well as infantry are destined for the East. Russian press reports state that prisoners taken from 2 Panzer Division in the East claim that they were fighting in the West only a week previously. These reports are substantiated to a degree since it is now known that the elements of 2 Panzer and 3 Panzer Grenadier Division which fought during the week against the Third US Army in FUHREN area were only battle groups from these units. There are good indications that 116 Panzer Division may now be in the COLOGNE area, while 9 Panzer and 15 Panzer Grenadier Division remain strongly in contact in the ARDENNES sector. With 11 Panzer Division tied down by our pressure in the area between the MOSELLE and SAAR, the 10 SS Panzer, 21 Panzer and 25 Panzer Grenadier Divisions are the only strong units now unlocated. Should all of these divisions stay in the West, RUNDSTEDT would have only eight Panzer or Panzer Grenadier divisions with which to conduct a defense of the West.

Faced with a drastic rationing of his armor, RUNDSTEDT must increasingly rely on the Volksgrenadiers who have already borne much of the battle. Most of these are in a badly battered condition despite receiving replacements. Losses in killed, wounded and prisoners have cost the enemy the equivalent of two divisions each week during the defensive battle on this sector of the front alone. Not only has the Russian offensive drawn from the West reformed divisions which were being held in immediate reserve such as 269, 344, 711 and 712, but there is evidence that new waves of divisions whose formation was far from complete have been thrown into the fray in the East in an effort to save GERMANY.

On 16 November the enemy had approximately 65 divisions in the West, plus five Panzer Divisions (the Sixth SS Panzer Army and Panzer LEHR Division) in reserve. At the present time he has 73 nominal divisions in the West, with no known reserves. This numerical comparison, however, is not accurate since many of the current divisions have very limited fighting value. In addition, the enemy on 16 November was in the process of building up his air power in the West to the highest level ever attained while currently a large proportion is moving to the East. In contrast, the Allies now have 71 divisions in the West, compared to 52 on the 16th of November. The losses in the ARDENNES and the demands in the East coincident with the increase in Allied strength have greatly weakened German ability to defend West of the RHINE.

Tactical reconnaissance has shown a very large movement away from the front, larger than can be accounted for solely on the basis of departure of the Sixth SS Panzer Army. Since the 22nd of January tremendously heavy vehicular movement has been observed daily moving from the area of the ARDENNES to the Northeast. This movement has involved apparently 15,000 to 20,000 vehicles and appears to be the greatest mass movement observed at any time during the campaign in the West. South of the MOSELLE also tactical reconnaissance has shown indications of a heavy movement out, with nearly 2,500 railway cars observed in the HOMBURG-KAISERSLAUTERN-SARRERUECKEN areas on 29 January. It appears from these movements that the above estimate of enemy defensive forces of 73 nominal divisions, including eight Panzer type divisions, is a maximum estimate.

The enemy supply situation also must be extremely critical. The serious gasoline shortage in the West has been evident for some time and probably was an important factor leading to the enemy's defeat in the ARDENNES. Many prisoners' statements are available that there was a shortage of artillery ammunition and

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1. Concur in opinion that high classification given reports is only required during operational period.

2. It is opinion of this office that classification could be reduced as proposed.

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DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #115

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE

In a full scale attack called "10th of May 1940", in commemoration of Hitler's entry into France, ey threw two battalions initially in area SE of BITCHE (7750) at midnight against TF Hudelson with the mission of capturing RJ (778488) and the high ground to the W. At 0200A hours strong patrols which built up to battalion size by 0515A hours, attacked 45 Div's left flank at NEUNHOFFEN (9146); during the morning Air OPs reported a steady buildup in the NEUNHOFFEN area including 4-10 tanks and 17 horse drawn vehicles. Due to the excellent work of the Corps and Div Air OPs, ey armored and inf movement was tracked during daylight hours. The furthest penetration was made when ey was reported in BAERENTHAL (8442) at 1400A hours but we retook the town during the afternoon. Ey suffered hvy casualties trying to infiltrate area SW of OBERSTEINBACK (9648). At noon it was estimated the ey attack had grown to two division strength on our front and the ey order of battle, running from E to W from 45 Div's front across XV Corps's front, was reported as follows: 256 Div (spearheading), 361, 559, 17 SS, 36 and 19 Inf Div.

During the afternoon ey coy was engaged in fire fight at 942475; small ey units had infiltrated into DAMBACH (9244) and vic 960-470. 100 ey observed moving out of town vic 905468; between 1400 and 1430A hours 100 to 300 ey observed leaving NEUNHOFFEN going N. 17 FA Air OP reported 250 to 500 troops vic 813428 and 50 ey vic 045605. The method of attack, that of small infiltrating groups, without arty preparation or support, seems the same across our front. At the end of the period TF HUDELSON was attempting to organize general line LEMBERG (7445), MOUTER HOUSE (7942), BAERENTHAL (8442).

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY

a. Though the ey broke the lull in operations by his attack in the mountains on our left, over most of the front arty activity increased only moderately. His attack apparently was not strongly supported by arty, due very probably to the nature of the terrain, thus on the whole arty fire varied from lt to moderate. On the eastern part of the Corps front the ey was most active during the night, especially after dark and around midnight when he harassed our inf in the woods W of OBERROTTERBACH (1752), also S of SCHWEIGHOFEN, and particularly the WISSEMBOURG area at the turn of the year, where approx 50 rds fell. Except for 30 rds harassing fire in REIDSELTZ in the early morning, shelling in the E was generally lt, the fire falling in vic of BREMELBACH (1643), KAPSWEYER, SCHWEIGHOFEN, STENSELTZ (1545) and S of WISSEMBOURG. The ey supported his attack in the W by lt cal mostly shelling our inf positions, CP's, and one btry position, with most of the fire directed into the DAMBACH and BAERENTHAL areas. During the afternoon very little fire was reported in the 79 Div sector and considerable reduction also occurred in the W.

Shellrep total - 37.

79 Div	405 Gp	45 Div	2 FOB
29	2	2	4

b. Changes to EB List #19:

(1) Additions:

GROUP	CONC NO	COORDINATE	ACC	SOURCE	NO/TYPE
A	8154 XL	8196-5446	A	AP - 29 Dec	4/Lt
G	1952 EQ	1979-5291	B	2 FOB -- S	1/-
	1955 HA	1926-5520	A	2 FOB -- F	3/-

(2) Amendments:

K 2864 YR to read 8/DP

(3) Deletions:

A 8350 T3D

8450 U3L

D 0059 FY

(4) Suspect List #19-2 (Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location).

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1966-5700	1/-	2 FCB - S
3506-5215	1/-	2 FCB - S
1590-6575	2/-	2 FCB - S
1875-5400	1/-	2 FCB - S
235 - 547	1/-	79 GOP

6 sound and 1 flash location were made, two of which were new, one confirmed 3450 EI, while four were included in the Suspect List.

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS

a. With the ey thrust on the left of the Corps sector, arty firing increased sharply.

Excellent visibility throughout the period made possible a maximum of observed missions on ey personnel, vehicles, tanks and arty. POZIT FUZE was not used during daylight hours because it was felt the advantage derived from Cub observation far outweighed the additional effect derived from use of the new fuze.

45 Div Arty fired on 17 teams of horse-drawn arty vic Q918468 at 0330A.

A pillbox at 318356 was fired on by 194 FA Bn. The observer, 310 FA Bn, reported 3 tgt hits out of 15 rds.

Harassing and interdiction fires were increased during the period in order to counter the increase in ey activity.

At 2400A each gun in the Corps fired a New Year greeting into Germany.

b. Summary of Missions Fired:

(1) Div Arty:

Type	14 Armd		45 Div		79 Div	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
Per	16		23	1	5	1
Veh			1	2	2	
MG & Mor			3			1
Armor			2	1	1	
Har			7	11		27
Reg	2		10		9	
Misc		5			5	5
TOTAL	18	5	46	15	22	34

(2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		33 Brig		405 Gp	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	1	20			2	10
Per	1	3	4		5	22
Veh					2	2
Armor					4	
Har		31		13		35
Reg	6		7		2	
Misc	2	6		22	1	4
TOTAL	10	60	11	35	16	73

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## SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Forward elements of the Corps are reported at the following points:

Q7445; Q7942; Q8442; Q943473; Q956484; Q974505; R002510; R037523; R043544; R065543; R089543; R118545; R155540; R168533; R172522; R190515; R200496; R225472; R255438; R305455; R328456; R350449; R352426.

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ANNEX I TO PERIODIC REPORT (Source: G-2 Periodic Report, 79 Div, 30 Dec 44)

New Type Shell

Possible Use of Pulverized Glass in Artillery Shells.

War Department information reveals that the Germans may soon use artillery shells that will release pulverized glass on explosion. The information does not indicate the size or character of the particles of glass, and definite information is not yet available as to the effect of various sized particles.

Extremely fine particles would cause a dust cloud to be formed which would have a masking effect somewhat like smoke. A short-time exposure to this type of cloud would probably be no more dangerous than the hazard suffered by workers in an industry such as granite and stone cutting. Information from another source gives slight indication that this fine cloud would be used by the Germans to overload the mechanical filter of the present gas mask and thus render it useless. However it is felt that this is a false assumption since the present mechanical filter has a long life against fine solid particles. The mask now carried by the troops would give absolute protection against any choking or irritating effect that these very fine particles might have on an unprotected person.

Slightly larger particles might conceivably cause some damage by irritation of the skin, especially around collars, cuffs, the waistline and crotch. Particles of, say, the size of a pinhead or larger would cause superficial cuts and abrasions and make eye damage the real danger. The range over which such small particles could be dispersed with any appreciable velocity is negligible.

Particles approaching ordinary shell splinters in size would have considerable velocity and also be capable of causing fairly severe casualties. This has been demonstrated by the large number of casualties caused by flying glass as a result of the V-1 explosions. However, protection from most of this type of fragment is rendered by relatively light cover and even by heavy clothing.

Intelligence agencies should be alert for the first appearance of these shells or the capture of artillery dumps containing this type of shell (SUSA).

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Ey continued his pressure on Corps left flank. In TF Huddelson sector ey continued to hold BARENTHAL (8441) and placed arty fire on our troops when they tried to enter the town. An estimated 70 ey infiltrated our positions vic Q-8643. 45 Div cleared DAMBACH (Q-9244) and further attempts to infiltrate in this area were stopped. Ey also infiltrated into PHILLIPSEBURG Q-8742. An estimated 2 Co attack vic Q8744 continued throughout morning, but no ground was lost.

Attack of the 313th Inf with its objective the high ground at 803407 reached 804389 by 1600 hrs but our forces withdrew to high ground N of REIPERTSWILLER (8036) by dark.

In 45th Div zone ey resorted again to infiltration tactics vic Q928463 and Q955477 and fire fights continued in these areas during the afternoon. Strong ey contact continued in BARENTHAL Q8442 sector although only light resistance was met by elements of 275 Inf advancing N from PHILLIPSEBURG Q8842. An ey C/A at 1300A against road block vic Q7837 was repulsed. Close contact was maintained by 179th Inf N of SARRINSBERG Q7442 where an estimated Co of ey had been attacking SW from Q750425 since 1300A, but had gained no ground. Considerable ey movement was reported vic LEMBERG Q7345. The 79th Div sector and RHINE river area was quiet during the period.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. Though fairly heavy concentrations in a few critical areas characterized the chief enemy artillery activity during the period, shelling over most of the front continued to be of a light and harassing nature only. During the night the woods N of SCHLEITHAL vic 2246 received 50 rounds and infantry in the OBERSTEINBACH were harassed by 45 rounds medium caliber. Six rounds estimated 170mm caliber fell in vic 1535 at 2240A. In the 79th Div sector, except for very light scattered harassing fire, the principal shelling reported during the day was an est 90 rounds total medium caliber that interdicted the bridge in WISSEMBURG. In the 45th sector light shelling occurred intermittently in the OBERSTEINBACH area, and in the DAMBACH and BAERANTHAL areas the enemy supported his aggressive action with moderate concentrations, but as yet no great artillery strength appears to be located in that sector.

Shellrep total 9

45 Div  
4

79 Div  
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36 FA Bn  
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b. Changes to EB List #19.

(1) Additions.

Group	Conc No.	Coords	Acc	Source	No./Type
	0360 XM	0345-6045	A	AP-1 Jan	2/Lt
	3838 XM	3881-3878	A	AP-1 Jan	5/Lt

(2) Suspect List #19-3 (Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location):

8511-5021	3/887	17 AOP
9500-5344	6/887	405 AOP

No sound or flash locations were made during the period. However latest air photos disclosed a 5-gun position once spotted by sound and deleted recently due to complete lack of activity on its part: 3838 XM (formerly FZ).

SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Corps arty continued to support the operations of the Corps.

With continued good visibility during the period many observed missions were fired on ey personnel, vehicles, and tanks.

Harassing fires on all roads leading into the Corps sector were increased during the period.

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SECTION III. OPERATIONS (CONT'D)

405th FA Gp fired on ey armor at 300392 and interdicted the road N of the point for 1 hour.

405th FA Gp interdicted points at 322469, 846473, 877474, and 912470 for the 45 Div Arty from 1900A to 0700A.

904th FA Gp adjusted the 36th FA with good effect on ey Inf at 2699-5090.

b. Summary of Missions Fired:

(1) Div Arty:

Type	14 Armd		45 Div		79 Div	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB						
Ber	3	3	Not		Not	
Veh	2	3	Available		Available	
MG & Mor		1				
Prep						
Armor						
Def Fires		3				
Har		21				
Reg	10					
Misc		11				
	<u>15</u>	<u>42</u>				

(2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		33 Brig		405 Gp	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		2	1			
Per	1		5		Not	
Veh					Available	
MG & Mor						
Prep						
Armor						
Def Fires						
Har		37		9		
Reg			9			
Misc		7	1	5		
	<u>1</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>		

AOP Missions: 33 Brig-10

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Forward elements of the Corps are reported at the following points:

Q802-389, Q843-402, Q840-416, Q848-411, Q850-418, Q865-410, Q878-428, Q885-445, Q895-464, Q900-456, Q915-456, Q935-475, Q966-495, Q975-505, R004-509, R015-519, R044-544, R128-544, R172-522, R196-492, R255-438, R300-429, R344-432, R352-425.

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As the 79 Div withdrew to the Maginot Line positions without contact and the Corps's center drew back to roughly along the 44 Northings, ey continued to infiltrate and reinforce his thrusts along the Corps left flank. With little arty and no air support, the ey punched before dawn at the positions of 179 Inf vic 753389, forcing our troops to withdraw slightly. REIPERTSWILLER (8037) received 20mm flak and lt cal arty fire during the night and in the morning the ey cut the WILDENGUTH - REIPERTSWILLER road vic 792376 isolating elements of 313 Inf. At JARENTHAL (8442) the 275 Inf was heavily engaged during the period but lost no ground. Another strong thrust was down the EGUMLSHARDT - PHILLIPSBURG (8742) and after fire fights that lasted throughout the period the ey was reported infiltrating into PHILLIPSBURG from the NE and NW. At end of period reports from WILDENGUTH (7837) - REIPERTSWILLER (8037) sector indicate ey is consolidating positions on high ground from 790382 to 805372 in anticipation of receiving reinforcements during the night.

Latest order of battle reports indicate 457 Regt, 257 VG Div stubbornly resisting our attack from SARRENSBERG (7441) and N from KOHLHUTTE (7438). 361 VG Div appeared concentrated in the WILDENGUTH - REIPERTSWILLER area, with reinforcements here probably from 11 and 12 SS Mt Regts of 6 SS Mt Div during the night 4-5 Jan.

a. The enemy continued to press his infiltration through the wooded mountainous slopes on the Corps W flank, but except for SP fire in that sector nowhere on the Corps front has he attempted to affect the decision by the use of his arty. During the night the REINFORTSWILLER area (8037) was subjected to considerable fire, especially around 0200A, and during the day the same area was the scene of moderate shelling, identified as coming from SP's, and very probably these were also responsible for the night firing. The PHILLIPSBURG area received a total of 45 rds between 1830A and 2230A. Since no shelling was reported elsewhere on the Corps front, it is presumed that only very lt and scattered harassing fire fell during the period. The lack of arty support for the attack may be attributed to difficulties of supporting infiltration tactics, also the limitations imposed by the restricted road net and icy condition of poor mountain roads which must seriously hinder rapid arty displacements.

Lack of activity from arty in the WISSEMBOURG - RHINE area can only be explained by scarcity of suitable observed targets within range, and possibly failure to displace forward due to uncertainty regarding progress and ultimate results of the attack in the mountains, in other words unwillingness to venture out in front of the Siegfried Line until considerable withdrawal on our part removes the threat of a rapid armor advance and consequent overrunning made possible by the frozen ground in the valley.

Shellrep total - 2

17 FA Bn

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b. Changes to EB List #19

(1) Additions:

<u>CONC NO</u>	<u>COORDINATE</u>	<u>ACC</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>NO/TYPE</u>
7856 XW	7881-5698	A	AP - 2 Jan	4/Lt
8355 XY	8396-5559	A	AP - 2 Jan	3/HAA
8455 XZ	8416-5563	A	AP - 2 Jan	2/HAA
8950 WA	8994-5012	A	AP - 2 Jan	4/Lt

Sound and Flash - NTR

a. Arty on the left flank continued to be very active. Though limited visibility hampered AOP's, many observed missions were fired with effect.

132 and 155 FA Bns relieved from atachment to VI Corps during the period.

The majority of the army displaced during the period in support of new positions.

Harassing fire was executed throughout the period with the heaviest part in the zone of the 45 Div.

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b. Summary of Missions Fired:

(1) Div Arty:

Type	14 A.D.		45 Div		79 Div	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
Per	23		7			1
Veh	1					
Armor	1					
Har		8		29		23
Reg	5		6			
TOTAL	30	8	13	29		24

(2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		33 Brie		405 Gp	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB						1
Per			2		3	1
Har		33		11		56
Reg			1		1	
Misc						17
TOTAL		33	3	11	4	75

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Forward elements of the Corps are reported at the following points:

XV CORPS - Q766523; Q745510; Q745475; Q750460; Q747432 -  
 VI CORPS - Q745417; Q736396; Q754383; Q785377; Q804382; Q839416; Q849428; Q870435;  
 Q888452; Q922445; Q946434; Q972443; Q996440; R020448; R044446; R067443;  
 R100440; (79 Div along Maginot Line positions from 1143 to 1935).

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Ey continued to maintain pressure on Corps W flank with no activity on remainder of Corps front. In 45th Div zone ey succeeded in infiltrating into WINGEN Q-7335 with an estimated 200 Inf at 0945A while approximately 200 ey moved to Q-745365 and fighting was still in progress at both positions at 1200A. An estimated 500 ey was reported at Q836421 at 1120A.

Ey increased his activity in the DAMBACH area Q9244 during the afternoon. An estimated 4 tanks and also 20mm guns were firing on our troops during period. Ey activity in PHILLIPSBURG-BAERENTHAL area consisted of strong patrols and intense mortar and arty fire on our forward elements. Ey pressure on REIPERTSWILLER-WILDENGUTH area has decreased since 1300A. An estimated 60 PWs were captured in SAEGMUHL Q7937. The road to WILDENGUTH is now open.

The ey remained inactive on the remainder of Corps front.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Continued inactivity of the enemy artillery, especially on the front of the 79th Div, is still the dominant characteristic, from an artillery viewpoint, of the enemy operations during the period. Though the enemy has committed considerable forces in his mountain attack, and observers' reports speak of horse-drawn and motorized artillery columns, as yet the volume of fire received indicates only a small number of artillery pieces are supporting the attack. Night activity reported consisted only of light harassment on our positions in the REIPERTSWILLER area. During the day, except for harassing fire in vic of WIMMENAN and REIPERTSWILLER, the chief mission appeared to be interdiction of the road vic 8639 and especially the WINDSTEIN (9843)-DAMBACH road, which was shelled at several points with an estimated total of 200 rounds. Light calibers were predominant.

Shellrep total: 6

45 Div  
6

Sound and Flash: NTR

SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Arty in the 45 Div sector was very active during the period. Despite generally poor visibility AOP's and GOP's conducted many effective missions.

Upon reports of enemy personnel in DAMBACH 938 FA Bn attacked the town with observed fire. The 158 FA Bn observer who observed the fire reported 50 to 60 hits on the town, and two houses left burning.

976 FA Bn was adjusted on two enemy btrys by AOP's with good effect.

995 FA Bn was adjusted by AOP on tanks in the 8038 sq. Observer reported one tank burning and two damaged at the end of the mission.

Harassing and interdiction fire was placed throughout the 45 Div sector and intensified at points upon reports of movement.

b. Summary of Missions Fired:

(1) Div Arty:

	14		45		79	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	3	3	1	4		
Per	1	6	30	3	2	
Veh	1		8			
MG & Mor			2			
Armor			4			
Def Fires		2				
Har		333	1	29		4
Reg	16		16		8	
Misc		3			2	1
	21	47	62	36	12	5

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SECTION III. OPERATIONS CONT'D.

(2) Corps Arty:

<u>Type</u>	<u>6 Gp</u>		<u>33 Brig</u>		<u>405 Gp</u>	
	<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>
CB					3	2
Veh		10			6	8
Armor					5	
Har		27		10		43
Reg	3		3		13	
Misc						4
	<u>3</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>57</u>

AOP Missions: 25

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Forward elements of the Corps are reported at the following points:

Q735-389, Q734-355, Q754-382, Q775-360, Q795-377, Q840-416, Q854-435, Q875-443,  
Q898-464, Q925-441, Q974-443, R015-447, R043-446, R065-444, R100-440,  
79 Div Maginot line defense positions from R125-429 to R125-360.

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1. All AGO cards found on Germans in US uniforms have, on the left hand fold, the inscriptions "W.D. A.G.O. Form No. 62-4." The cards also differ slightly from the ones normally carried by Officers which is W.D. A.G.O. Form No. 55-1, in that in addition to the bearers signature it is also countersigned just below the signature of officer. The A.G.O. cards are brand new, filled out by the German himself, signed by him, and then dirtied up a bit - but the creases in the card can usually be spotted as new.

2. Germans in the "Jeep Parties" of Einheit STEILAU have been instructed that the proper way to identify themselves behind the American lines is to show their Soldier's paybook - not a word about dog-tags. So far, of the men captured, only two carried dog-tags with them, and they picked them up on their own initiative. The paybooks given them are taken from our own PWs.

3. There are four grades of English speakers among the STEILAU personnel - Group I is the best. The German officer is usually Group II which explains why he acts as a GI and not as an American officer. The best speaker acts as an officer and sits beside the driver. The German officer sits (normally) on the left rear and whispers instructions in the ear of the German soldier posing as one of our officers. The worst English speaker (usually Group III or IV) is always the driver. Therefore, the best way to trap these "Jeep Parties" is to ask the driver for his trip ticket, and then ask the driver some questions he will have to answer.

4. None of the captured Germans in GI uniforms have known their so-called serial number.

5. Jeep markings already identified on vehicles carrying enemy personnel include VIII Corps, 8th Armd Div - but in most cases 5th Armd Div. For some obscure reason, the number of the Jeep (on the right hand side) is considered a weak point by the Germans and is usually half obliterated with mud.

6. All staff cars used by Germans captured so far have been French CITROENS - painted OD, complete with star. Staff cars definitely should be stopped and our MP's must forget all rank when they ask for dog-tags, ASN, etc.

7. It must not be forgotten that these "Jeep Parties" are heavily armed and that the men realize that they are on a desperate mission. Keep all suspicious Jeeps and their occupants well covered while inspecting credentials.

8. It is reported that some members of the "Jeep Parties" have now exchanged their  $\frac{1}{4}$ -tons for  $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton trucks.

9. Greater security of all vehicles obtaining gas from units and supply installations is required. These jeeps are now operated on gasoline they are obtaining from US Army sources. One "Jeep Party" was captured recently at an Ordnance Maintenance unit where they took the vehicle for repair. (Source: FUSA)(VII Corps) (79 Div, 1 Jan 44).

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ENEMY BTRY LIST #20  
(Supersedes all previous lists.)

Conc No.	Coords	Acc	Source	No./Type
7554 WC	7524-5471	A	AP-2 Jan	6/Nebel?
7654 WD	7623-5479	A	AP-2 Jan	6/Nebel?
7759 FS	7743-5938	A	AP-24 Dec	4/HAA
7853 U3K	7854-5308	A	AP-24 Dec	4/DP
7856 XW	7881-5698	A	AP-2 Jan	4/Lt
7952 U3I	7969-5210	A	AP-24 Dec	4/DP
7957 U3D	7920-5774	A	3 FOB-S	2/-
8154 U3L	8196-5446	A	AP-31 Dec	4/Lt
8159 GC	8174-5927	A	AP-24 Dec	4/Lt
8355 XY	8395-5559	A	AP-2 Jan	3/HAA
8446 HC	847-461	B	405 Gp	-/-
8455 XZ	8416-5563	A	AP-2 Jan	2/HAA
8658 U3V	8659-5891	A	AP-17 Dec	4/Med
8944 WB	8919-4466	A	AP-2 Jan	4/Lt
8950 WA	8994-5012	A	AP-2 Jan	4/Lt
8957 XI	8930-5766	A	AP-27 Dec	3/Lt
9151 S3H	9140-5100	A	AP, AOP, Civ	5/Lt
9653 GV #1	9640-5394	A	AP, PW	1/105
#2	9650-5398	A	AP, PW	1/105
9854 GT	9845-5485	B	AOP, PW	6/-
9855 GX	9812-5504	B	938 AOP	2/-
0454 HB	0418-5452	B	171 GOP	1/-
0758 DV	0718-5805	B	158 GOP	3/-
0858 DW	0806-5827	B	103, 158 AOP	3-4/Med?
0957 ZM	0925-5770	A	AP, PW	5/Lt
0958 GW	0970-5850	A	AP-27 Dec	3/Lt
1158 GS	1156-5861	A	AP-27 Dec	2/-
1257 EC	122-575	A	AP, AOP	3/-
1357 GZ	1372-5720	A	AP-26 Dec	1/Hy?
1357 EF	1375-5775	B	35 AOP	2/Med?
1455 YV	1460-5562	A	AP-25 Dec	2/Lt
1557 EE	1505-5752	B	2 FOB-S, AOP	1-4/-
1854 YG	1889-5493	A	AP, 2 FOB-S	2-3/SP
1854 DN	1895-5434	B	935, 976 AOP	4/-
1856 DY	1880-5654	B	2 FOB-F, AOP, FW	1-6/122
1952 EQ	1939-5283	A	2 FOB-S	2/Lt
1955 HA	1926-5520	A	2 FOB-F	3/-
1956 FB	1970-5632	A	AP, 2 FOB-S, FW	4/-
1957 GP	1907-5718	A	AP-27 Dec	3-4/Lt
2054 YL	2050-5455	A	AP-27 Dec	2/Lt
2055 DG	2039-5515	A	AP, AOP, 2 FOB-S	4/-
2250 GY	2284-5076	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
2352 ZO	2364-5235	A	AP-17 Dec	3/Lt
2452 YZ	2464-5203	A	AP-26 Dec	4/Lt
2453 YO	2487-5362	A	AP-25 Dec	4/Lt
2549 DC	2521-4972	A	2 FOB-S, AOP	1-3/-
3247 FM	3270-4738	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
3450 EN	3402-5097	A	2 FOB-S	2/-
3736 EW	3712-3612	A	2 FOB-S	2/-
3739 XC	3759-3981	A	AP-1 Jan	1/Med
3739 XD	3742-3998	A	AP-1 Jan	1/Med
3838 XM	3881-3878	A	AP, 2 FOB-S	5/Lt

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE

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With pressure still strong in the REIPERTSWILLER - DAMBACH area, the ey launched a bold attack across the RHINE River in at least battalion strength against our right flank with the hope of diverting our strength from the main effort in the mountains. The river crossing was in the general area of the GAMBSHEIM bridge site (R1309) and apparently well executed during the night for by 1000A hours ey patrols were first reported vic R100115 and R060128. During the morning some of our engineers were ambushed vic R093095 and the towns of OFFENDORF (1312), GAMBSHEIM (1110), KILSTETT (0908) and HERLISHEIM (1214) occupied by the ey.

On the left flank close contact was maintained between WINGEN (7335) and DAMBACH (9244). An estimated bn infiltrated through our lines and cut the REIPERTSWILLER - ROTHBACH (8434) road and activity NW of DAMBACH indicated a considerable reshuffling of troops was in progress. Ey in unknown strength still occupied WINGEN. Infiltration by small groups was reported into wooded hills at 850370, 867367, 868361 and with automatic weapons on road at 867376 and 870364. Ey also attacked castle at LICHTENBERG (818358).

During the afternoon ey was reported using boats and barges to cross RHINE at 138098, 170150 and 045990. Air OP observed 300 ey on east side of RHINE vic 138098. At 1630A hours a 4 man ey patrol was contacted vic 195410, but by the end of the period the ey was believed well contained in the HERLISHEIM - GAMBSHEIM - KILSTETT area with little, if any, arty support.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY

a. Based on shelling reports, the ey arty fire during the period, though consisting of generally heavier concentrations, would indicate no great change in amount of activity, but very probably the reports do not present an entirely accurate estimate, for the considerable number of gun flashes picked up by AOPs today are evidence of shelling, probably on forward inf elements whose communication difficulties prevented report. During the night, lt cal harassed in vic of WIMMENAU, and SE of BARRANTHAL. About 0300A the ey directed a considerable concentration, reported as of Hvy cal into the forward area vic 1443. In the middle hours of the day the ey fired a total of 150 rds all of lt cal into the WIMMENAU area. In the afternoon, the enemy supported his river crossing by several lt concentrations in the towns of GAMBSHEIM and KILSTETT. Air OP locations today indicate that the ey arty is making maximum use of the few clearings in the wooded mountains in our W sector, especially vic 7940, 8546, and NW of BARRANTHAL.

Shellrep total - 57

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b. Changes to EB List #20:

(1) Additions:

CONC NO	COORDINATE	ACC	SOURCE	NO/TYPE
7749 HT	776 - 497	B	45 AOP	1/-
7751 D4E	7748-5182	A	AP - 31 Dec	4/Lt
7852 D4C	7800-5288	A	AP - 31 Dec	3/Lt
7940 HI #1	7960-4061	B	995 AOP	2/-
#2	7894-4052	B	995 AOP	2/-
#3	7888-4025	B	995 AOP	2/-
#4	7887-4005	B	995 AOP	2/-
7940 HE	792 - 407	B	405 AOP	4/-
7947 HG	792 - 470	B	17 AOP	4/-
8243 HJ	827 - 435	B	45 AOP	-/-
8342 HD	8395-4265	B	93 AOP	-/-
8446 HE	8430-4623	B	976 AOP	3/-
8446 HK	8481-4664	B	976 AOP	-/-

(2) Amendments:

8154 UXL to read 8154 XL

8446 WL to read: 8482-4631 A. AP - 2 Jan 1-2/SP

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(3) Suspect List #20-1 (Locations of doubtful activity or those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location):

743 - 415	2/SP	405 AOP
746 - 425	2/-	405 AOP
732 - 427	1/-	405 AOP
825 - 468	4/-	VI C AOP
840 - 442	2/-	VI C AOP
801 - 402	4/-	VI C AOP

Sound and Flash: NTR

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS

a. The Div Artys continued to regroup arty in an effort to obtain maximum efficiency in employing their arty. The regrouping was necessary due to numerous ey threats in various sectors over a wide front. During the night many harassing missions were fired on road junctions, avenues of approach, assembly areas, and ey batteries in their Div sector. During the day numerous observed missions were fired on various types of targets especially ey personnel in the 45 Div sector where the ey continued to attack.

The ey crossed the RHINE River during the morning and numerous missions were fired on boats, barges, and avenues of approach. The visibility increased during the afternoon and observed missions were fired on ey personnel. The 69 and 17 FA Bns were moved to this area in order to subdue this latest venture of our ey.

The Corps Arty kept up a hvy harassing program during the night over the entire Corps front. Adjustments were made in the positions of Corps Arty in order to give proper support to all divisions.

The 995 FA Bn and 976 FA Bn fired simultaneously on a twelve gun battery located from 7877-4106 to 7905-4048, six distinct locations, with a total of 193 rds from 1140A to 1600A. The mission was observed by the 976 F AOP and 405 Gp AOP. Two direct hits were obtained on guns at 7960-4061 and two hits in a gun pit at 7894-4052. The observers caught this entire group of 12 guns firing while adjustment was being made.

Also the 995 F AOP adjusted on 3 or 4 SP's at 826-461 and fired 22 rds. One SP was reported to be destroyed and another badly damaged.

### b. Summary of Missions Fired:

(1) Div Arty:	14 ADA		45 IDA		79 IDA	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	1			2		
Per	17	15	31	1		2
Vehicles	3		5	1		
MG & Mor	3	3	2			
Prep		8	3			
Armor	1		1			
Har		65		33		25
Reg	5		24		10	
Def. Fires	7	69				
Misc	3	13			2	
TOTAL	40	173	66	37	14	25

  

(2) Corps Arty:	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB					11	3	2	
Per						12	3	11
Veh					3	2		
Armor					1			
Har		17				45		40
Reg	4		2		2		3	
Misc						4	3	4
TOTAL	4	17	2		17	66	11	55*

AOP Missions - 25

\* Minus 59 AFA Bn due to communication difficulties

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SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Forward elements of the Corps are reported at the following points:  
XV Corps:- Q675540; Q701550; Q756524; Q737516; Q740493; Q747453; Q742433;  
Q740420.  
VI Corps:- Q746417; Q765382; Q795386; Q842412; Q870436; Q896464; Q928441;  
Q974444; R000440; R043446; R000440; BREITBACH (1243); HUNSPACH (1539);  
NIEDERODERN (2334); ROHRWILLER (1217); WEYERSHEIM (0513); LA WANTZENAU  
(0706).

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

During the morning contact was light and scattered in BARENTHAL - (8342) - PHILLIPPSBOURG (8742) area with a noticeable reshuffling of troops in progress; the expected counterattack at PHILLIPPSBOURG came at 1515A hours in estimated three company strength and was dispersed by arty; a second attack in this sector met an attack by our troops and was repulsed with no loss of ground. Strong resistance continued vic WILDENGUTH (7938) and WINGEN (7335), after confusing reports, remained in ey hands.

Along the RHINE river the ey repulsed one attack in GAMBESHEIM (1110) forcing our troops back to the canal vic 089119. Fire fights continued vic HERLISHEIM (1214), OFFENDORF (1312) with the ey apparently receiving some reinforcements. An unconfirmed report is that ey crossed the river at 084055 in company strength during the afternoon but were contained on the river bank by arty fire.

Patrols became more active in the WISSEMBOURG gap during the period. The ren battalion of 21 Pz Div was identified vic R-1441 in the afternoon and other patrols were dispersed at R135433 and vic STUNDWILLER (1836).

3 officers and 50 IM were captured vic SESSENHEIM (1217) and 40 ey were reported in CLEEBURG (1044).

Ey troops were dug in E of LICHTENBERG R-8235 and those vic R-816364 assumed a defensive role apparently to await reinforcements. An estimated 100 PWs were taken in this area. Three PW's captured N of WINGEN from 13th Co, 12th SS Regt, were sent out to contact ey units to request assistance and stated remaining troops may attempt to escape during hours of darkness.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. Enemy artillery activity increased moderately during the period, especially in the 45th Div sector where several heavy concentrations were reported. A resumption of shelling in the 79th sector indicates that some guns have now moved closer in, possibly in vic of WISSEMBOURG. Night harassing fire was light, consisting mainly of shelling in the INGWILLER-WIMMENAU area. During the day the enemy supported his positions and counterattacks with considerable artillery fire, especially in the REIPERTSWILLER, PHILLIPPSBOURG, and S of MEISENTHAL (7340) areas. In the REIPERTSWILLER area, for example a total of 300 rounds, 75 and 105mm caliber, fell between 1310A and 1420A, with an estimated battalion doing the shooting. 200 rounds fell in vic of PHILLIPPSBOURG between 1515A and 1530A. Lighter concentrations were placed on our troops in the ERKARTSWILLER (7331) and DAMBACH areas. In the 79th Div sector, INGOLSHHEIM (1441) received several concentrations, of light and medium caliber, significant in that this is the first time an area so far S has been shelled.

In the bridgehead sector, the enemy lightly shelled in vic of 0313 and 0919 in the afternoon. It is doubtful that he has yet managed to bring any guns across, but is supporting the pocket from across the river, as a Tac-R report of a medium caliber gun being manhandled along a road in the R16-12 square at 1600A would indicate. The shelling received in the 45th Div sector confirms the presence of considerable artillery in the mountain salient, which the AOP's picked up yesterday.

Shellrep total 22

45 Div	79 Div	14 AD	17 FA	935 FA
12	3	5	1	1

b. Changes to EB List #20  
(1) Additions:

Conc No.	Coords	Acc	Source	No./Type
7654 E4C	7680-5495	B	100 AOP	6/Lt
7849 E4D	7811-4969	B	36 AOP	-/-
7849 E4F	7844-4991	B	36 AOP	-/-
8242 HL	829-427	B	45 AOP	2/-
8246 HM	825-463	B	VI C AOP	4/-



(2) Deletions:

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(3) Suspect List #20-2 (Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location):

9258-4564	-/-	158 AOP
8272-4367	4/SP	14 AOP
857-453	1/Med	14 AOP
795-415	-/-	14 AOP
807-433	4/SP	14 AOP
877-423	2/-	PW
8826-4380	4/-	PW
782-406	4/-	45 AOP
781-401	-/-	45 AOP

Sound and Flash: NTR.

SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Arty with the Corps was extremely active during the period supporting the infantry in the GAMBESHEIM area and in the 45 Div sector. A very heavy harassing program was fired over the entire Corps front on the road net and on possible bridge sites across the RHINE river during the night.

Low ceiling kept the AOP's from obtaining any adjust missions; however, ground OP's were able to get many observed missions on personnel, machine guns, mortars, and vehicles.

3 PW's from a company of Austrians verified the accuracy of our arty fire in the town of DAMBACH on 04 Jan. A total of 100 rds were fired from 938 and 995 FA Bns on ey infantry on 04 Jan and results were numerous white flags. Today the PW's stated that this company had to be relieved for reorganization due to casualties suffered from our arty fire.

"A" Btry, 2 FOB completed the installation of a three post flash base north of SOULTZ. Coordinates of OP's as follows: OP 1 at R1359-3737; OP 2 at R1178-3797; OP 3 at R0998-3980. This battery also completed the installation of two five microphone four second sound bases in the MERKWILLER area. MERKWILLER A base has Mike 1 at R0941-3680 and Mike 5 at R0505-3999; MERKWILLER B base has Mike 1 at R0962-3957 and Mike 5 at R0473-3728.

The 17 FA Bn was relieved of attachment to 33 FA Brigade and attached to 35 FA Group. The 242 FA Bn, 105mm How, joined VI Corps Arty during the period and was attached to 33 FA Brig.

b. Summary of Missions

(1) Div Arty

Type	14 ADA		45 IDA		79 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	7					
Per	12	44	31	1	10	5
Veh	2		2	2	1	
MG & Mor	7		1	1	2	
Prep	3	15	2			
Armor	1					
Def Fires	10	7				
Har		56		23		15
Reg	3		25			
Miscl	1		2	4		5
Prop						1
	46	122	63	31	13	26

(2) Corps Arty

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 FAB	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB				2		15	1	
Per							15	5
Veh						1		
MG & Mor							3	
Armor							1	
Def Fires							4	
Har	37		23		52			100
Reg							5	
Miscl								9
	37		25		68		29	114

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Forward elements of the Corps are reported at the following points:

Q755-389, Q765-385, Q780-382, Q780-392, Q785-392, Q789-384, Q795-385, Q805-385, Q815-364, Q840-415, Q852-485, Q870-435, Q899-465, Q930-442, Q945-432, Q975-443, R000-440, R012-446, R014-444, R075-444, R100-440 thence along defensive positions of the Maginot Line.

SESSENHEIM R1822 DRUSENHEIM R15-18 ROHRWILLER R12-17 R094-130 to R082-113 thence to R08-08.

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inf re- shooting of  
B program. The arty g- seen most responsible for  
hvy fire on 45th Div inf, the past few days, appears to be located in  
the MOUTERHOUSE - BAERANTHAL valley.

Shellrep total: 56

45 Div	14 AD	79 Div	103 Div	2 FOB	6 GP	35 Gp	405 Gp
24	6	12	3	5	4	1	1

SECTION III. OPERATIONS

311 FA GOP adjusted 634 FA on RR station & ey personnel at 1763-3315 between 1159-1242 A. 5 hits were scored on RR station, damaging it considerably.

311 FA GOP adj. 634 FA on ey personnel in bldg at 1752-3318 between 1242-1314A. 3 hits were scored on the house with 1 rd knocking the roof off.

975 GOP adj. 194 FA on tks on E side of canal just W of HERRLISHEIM. Two were knocked out by arty fire.

A CB program consisting of 14 locations was fired for the 45 Div at 0630A and repeated at 1600A.

Corps Arty fired a moderate harassing program over the Corps front during the night.

Certain displacements were made during the period.

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Forward elements of the Corps were reported as follows: Q754410, Q758384, Q788388, Q808383, Q836383, Q858418, Q895442, Q925447, Q970441, R015447, R066443, Q100440, R150400, R170380, R180336, R215284, R173210, R140190, R134183, R115163, R0791.9, R067132, R050121

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## SECTION III. OPERATIONS

a. Arty was very active during the period. Though hampered by fog and snow during the daylight hours, AOPs capitalized on what visibility was available to conduct effective fire on tanks and personnel.

194 FA Bn destroyed a total of three German tanks in precision adjustments. These missions were all fired by AOP's.

17 FA Gp, 977 FA Bn and 975 FA Bn closed in Corps area during the period. 975 FA Bn attached to 33 FA Brig upon arrival. 977 FA Bn attached to 17 FA Gp. These bns occupied positions to cover the WISSEMBOURG area.

A very hvy harassing program over the Corps front was fired by Corps and Div Arty. The program was continued during the daylight hours.

At the request of the 79 Div Arty a TOT of 3 rds per gun on tanks and inf was fired by all available Corps and Div Arty. Inf reported the fire fell exactly where wanted and that, though no tanks were knocked out by the concentration, it fell right on the ey inf.

### b. Summary of Missions:

#### (1) Div Arty

Type	14 ADA		45 IDA		79 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		2		5	1	
Per	33		62	3	17	9
Veh	2		1		5	2
MG & Mor	8	6	4	2		
Prep			6	9	2	
Armor			4			
Def Fire		13				
Har		60		49		70
Reg	4		11		1	
Misc		9			18	23
Prop						2
TOTAL	47	90	88	71	44	106

#### (2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 FAB	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	1		17		18		4	
Per			1				15	
Veh							1	
Prep								1
Armor	3	9					13	9
Har	2	55	15		17		2	114
Reg	5		1				7	
Misc		9			1		3	17
TOTAL	11	73	1	33	1	35	45	141

APO Missions - 21

## SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS

### a. Total shellreps - 50

14 AD 45 Div 6 FA Gp 79 Div 33 FA Brig  
15 23 3 3 16

### b. Forward elements of the Corps are reported at the following points:

XV Corps: Q742520; Q745500; Q740482; Q745455;  
VI Corps: Q745428; Q742415; Q750397; Q783393; Q804377; Q837357; Q848413; Q875424;  
Q883438; Q924447; Q973443; R015447; R025475; R058474; R084465; R1044;  
R1835; R2027; R2024; R180222; R148168; R090121; R065069.

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Ey resistance continued hvy on the Corps left flank and ey became aggressive on the right flank. Our advance in the LICHTENBERG Q-8135 sector met with strong S/A and mortar resistance. Ey was observed repairing bridge R-075464 using lights. The ey continued to build up his bridgehead area vic DRUSENHEIM R-1618 and HERRLISHEIM R-1214. Ey in persistent attacks of Inf supported by about 10 tanks starting at 0700A vic ASHBACH R-1837 was repulsed and again at 0800A and 1145A with an estimated 4 tanks knocked out by arty fire.

Ey resistance remained firm in well organized positions in 180th Inf and 313th Inf sectors. Ground reports gave no evidence of build-up or unusual activity in the BARENTHAL - PHILLIPSBURG - DAMBACH sector. One ME-210 bombed vic INGWILLER at 1320A.

Ey on our N sector apparently withdrew slightly to reorganize after unsuccessful attacks and after our fighter-bombers hit ey assembly area vic OBERSEEBACH R-1640 at 1230A. The town of OPPENHEIM R-2327 was found clear by our Rcn. Our troops were unable to establish a bridgehead in S part of DRUSENHEIM due to hvy ey fire. The 12th AD reached a point 1 1/2 Km W of HERRLISHEIM without contact. There were 2 ME 262's over 79th Div area during the period.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. Except in one area vic of REIPERTSWILLER, enemy artillery fire, though rather frequent, was generally light to moderate and scattered today. Despite comprehensive counterbattery, from two to four 105mm hows, believed to be located in the MOUTERHOUSE - BAERANTHAL area were active throughout the period, shelling our positions in the draws W of REIPERTSWILLER with an approx, total of 400 rounds. Five times during the night and about 15 times during the day this area was hit with concentrations varying from 4 to 40 rounds. Other night activity included harassment of the PHILLIPSBURG area with 25 rounds medium caliber, probable tank or SP shelling of the front line vic HOFFEN and DRUSENHEIM, and rear area harassment vic INGWILLER, ROTHBACH, and SOULTZ. Attacking elements in the bridgehead sector received light harassing fire during the day, likewise our forward positions in the HOFFEN area. Some explanation for the continued shelling of the REIPERTSWILLER area may be found in the two counterattacks we received there during the day, but the fire, considerably more concentrated and prolonged than the usual supporting fire indicates that the enemy is particularly sensitive to our attacks in this sector, or is attempting to soften it up for an attack in much greater strength than heretofore.

Shellrep total 65.

45 Div	79 Div	14 Armd Div	33 Brig	6 Gp	35 Gp	2 FOB
26	3	1	22	2	1	10

b. Changes to EB List #20:

(1) Additions:

CONC NO.	COORDS	ACC	SOURCE	NO./TYPE
7942 HQ	7984-4261	B	35 AOP	-/-
8143 HR	8175-4305	B	PW	-/75
8545 HS	8556-4532	B	PW	-/-
0857 HT	0802-5762	B	2 FOB-S	1/-
1109 HO	1157-0921	B	33 AOP	1/-
1914 HP	1927-1400	B	2 FOB-S	1-2/-

(2) Suspect List #20-4 (Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location).

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0066-4924	1-3/-	2 FOB	115-095	1/-	33 AOP
883-442	1/83	35 AOP	105-095	1/75	PW
065-454	1/SP	189-F	170-105	-/-	3 DIA
108-112	3/75	PW	1615-0765	4/122	PW
117-098	3/75	PW	199-120)	4 Btrys/-	PW
127-105	-/105	PW	205-140)		
2045-1337	1/-	935-F	130-105	-/-	3 DIA
2358-1193	1/-	935-F	112-114	-/75 SP	3 DIA
			2000-1358	1-3/-	2 FOB-S
			1910-1406	1-3/-	2 FOB-S

With both bases in operation, sound was quite active, recording 5 locations. Of these, two were included in the EB list, the rest being considered as suspect locations. Flash made 5 locations during the evening of 7 January, all of close-in guns, presumed tanks. They also conducted two adjustments on two of these, with no visible results reported. The coordinates were as follows:

1470-3884	1/Tk
1480-4086	1/Tk
1409-4001	1/Tk
1536-4286	1/Tk
1522-4148	3/Tks

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Arty fire was heavy and very effective during the period. Fair visibility enabled the FO's and AOP's to bring destructive fire on enemy tanks, troops btrys.

The 194 FA Bn continued its precision adjustments on enemy tanks and at the end of the day reported four destroyed and also listed two probables. These missions were observed by AOP's.

A Btry Flash, 2 FOB give surveillance on a CB mission fired by 194 FA Bn and A Btry 72 AA Bn and reported the center of impact was exactly on the target. B Btry opened a sound base in the BISCHWILLER area. Mike #1 is at R096181, Mike #5 at R117198.

17 FA Bn AOP observed a horse drawn column moving North from woods at 827387 and final sensing at 829394 was barely over. The 17 FA Bn, adjusting Bn, and 995 FA Bn fired for effect with a total of 56 rds. Visibility closed-in so the AOP could not observe fire for effect.

59 AFA Bn with AOP adjusting fired an effective mission on enemy personnel in the R1020 sq and caused many casualties.

Heavy harassing was continued and in addition the towns of ASCHBACH and STUNDWILLER were hit with 8" and 240mm howitzers.

### b. Summary of Missions:

#### (1) Div Arty

Type	14 ADA		45 IDA		79 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	1		1	8	1	
Per	34		400	6	332	
Veh					4	
MG & Mor	1		3	5	3	1
Prep			3			1
Armor	2		1		15	
Def Fire	13	8				
Har		69		49		20
Reg	2		12		8	
Misc	1	166		1	6	6
Prop						1
	54	93	600	69	69	29

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# SECTION III. OPERATIONS CONT'D.

(2) Corps Arty										
Type	6 Gp		17 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	3	3		2	2	26		6	5	26
Per	2			6	7				26	
Veh					2				4	
MG & Mor									4	
Prep										
Armbr	7	3	1		1		1		8	9
Har		79		11		26		26		4
Reg	4		3		1		4		13	114
Misc									3	
Dest									2	
	16	85	4	19	13	52	5	32	65	153

AOP Missions: 52

## SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Forward elements of the Corps are reported at the following points:

XV Corps: Q650-560, Q675-544, Q690-550, Q715-555, Q735-534, Q746-509, Q745-495, Q740-480, Q744-462, Q748-448, Q746-428, Q744-420.

VI Corps: Q754-410, Q754-402, Q750-396, Q755-389, Q768-388, Q770-386, Q782-392, Q798-388, Q812-380, Q815-370, Q829-362, Q839-358, Q842-352, Q868-376, Q840-415, Q850-420, Q854-434, Q870-438, Q875-444, Q885-452, Q898-464, Q930-440, Q945-435, Q974-444, R000-440, R015-445, R045-445, R065-442, R100-440, R123-430, R184-360, thence along defensive positions of the Maginot line.

Bridgehead area: R158-182 ROHRWILLER (12-17) W of GAMBSHEIM (10-10).

### REACTION TO POZIT FUZE

(Source: G-2 Report, 79 Div, 7 Jan)

The following two extracts indicate in part that the enemy is very conscious of a new artillery weapon:

"Between 1730 and 1830 on 22 Dec two PsW from the 277th VG Div noticed that nine out of every ten artillery shells would burst at a height of about thirty feet. There were no ground bursts at all. Some of the men tried to find cover in their log covered foxholes, but even there shrapnel penetrated the logs, some of which were up to 12 inches thick. PsW said that an additional number of litter bearers were sent out the next morning to bring in the exceptionally high number of wounded and dead caused by air bursts. Other PsW put particular stress on the accuracy of the artillery barrage laid on their position. They said that every yard was covered by shrapnel; no duds were found in the vicinity." (V Corps Arty S22 Bulletin)

"Germans think we are using a new type of shell. They describe it as an air burst. The results of these new shells on the German bodies and minds are very effective. One Co suffered 5 dead and 20 wounded after the explosion of only one of these air-bursting shells." (First Army PW1 Report)

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE

Elements of newly arrived 25 PG Div continued the aggressive action initiated by 21 Pz Div in STUNDWILLER (R-1836) area. At 0510A hours the first attack was launched along NIEDERROEDERN - HATTEN (R-1733) axis with elements of 119 PGR and 35 PGR supported by seven tanks. This attack forced a temporary withdrawal vic R184-335 but at 0949A hours the 313 Inf repulsed the attack, regained the ground, destroyed two ey tanks and inflicted hvy casualties on ey inf. In the morning ey offered strong resistance to 12 Armd Div's attack on HERRLISHEIM (1214) but by noon our troops reached NW outskirts of town, captured 100 PW's and destroyed one SP gun. In 45 Div zone elements of 952 and 953 GRS remained in close contact and defended stubbornly the high ground 810377 - 800380 - 795386.

At 1300A hours ey resumed the attack on HATTEN with 16 Mk IV tanks, 9 personnel carriers and 8 half tracks supporting the inf. They surrounded HATTEN, but at 1500A 2d Bn, 315 Inf, reinforced by tanks and TDs, counterattacked, destroyed 10 ey tanks and at the end of the period were still fighting bitterly in HATTEN. Air and ground OPs reported ey movement during afternoon from RIEDSELTZ to INGOL-SHEIM (1441) and from WISSEMBOURG south.

In 45 Div sector close contact was maintained in 180 Inf (7639) and 313 Inf (8138) sectors where ey is dug in and supported by arty and SP guns.

According to one PW, the German strategy is to isolate the important communications center of HAGENAU by simultaneous attacks from the HATTEN and the bridgehead areas.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY

a. With the launching of a vigorous attack in our right sector and our own aggressive action against the bridgehead, the ey arty activity increased considerably, particularly in the volume of fire. Shelling decreased slightly in the 45 Div sector, but the most marked change occurred in the 79 Div sector where the attack was supported by a decided increase in fire. Harassing fire during the night was generally lt with the INGWILLER, ROTHBACH, and N of WIMMENAU areas being shelled. A few rds of hvy cal, now positively identified as 28 cm, fell in the BISCHWILLER area around midnight. After daylight the ey began to shell HOFFEN and HATTEN in support of his attack, but it was during the middle hours of the day that the fire reached its peak, when our positions in the LEITERSWILLER, RITTERS-HOFFEN, HOTTEN triangle were frequently pounded by lt and med cals, the concentrations varying from 20 to 40 rds, usually, though hvy concentrations were reported around noon. In the bridgehead sector, the DRUSENHEIM and ROHRWILLER areas, which received the bulk of the fire in this region, were pounded with hvy concentrations in the late morning also. In the afternoon, shelling in the 79 Div sector slackened, but in the 45 sector, which had been comparatively quiet, except for harassment of forward elements N of WINGEN, activity began to pick up at mid-day. Thereafter until 1700A the ey placed intermittent lt cal harassing concentrations, including one of 60 rds at 1420A, in the draws W of REIPERTSWILLER. GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN (9233) drew 2 rds of very hvy cal at 1535A. The arty supporting the attack in our right sector appears to be grouped in the OBERSEEBACH (1941) - TRIMBACH (2138) area (lt cals) and possibly mediums in the SCHLEITHAL - SALMBACH area. The REIDSELTZ area is also believed to be active, although no locations there have as yet been obtained. Photos indicate arty supporting the bridgehead is still small in strength though increasing.

Shellrep total - 61

45 Div	79 Div	14 A.D.	33 Brig	2 FOB	17 Gp
18	10	1	7	12	5

35 Gp	6 Gp
4	4

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## b. Changes to EB List #20

### (1) Additions:

CONC NO.	COORDINATE	ACC	SOURCE	NO/TYPE
0746 HX	0792-4630	B	2 FOB - S	1/-
1841 HY	1842-4117	B	79 AOP	4/-
2037 HW	2053-3765	B	6 AOP	-/Nebel
2037 HU	2085-3785	B	6 AOP	-/-
1313 HV	1392-1358	B	FW, AOP	-/-

### (2) Deletions:

7556 C4H  
0857 ET

### (3) Suspect List #20-5 :- (Locations of doubtful accuracy and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location).

1507-1369	1/-	2 FOB - S
1964-1386	1/-	2 FOB - S
2016-1430	-/-	2 FOB - S
1330-0450	1/-	33 Brig
1749-1623	1/Lt	2 FOB - S
1910-1324	1/-	2 FOB - S
0802-5162	1/-	2 FOB - S

Sound was especially active in the bridgehead sector where 8 locations were made - all presumed to be those of SP's or tanks. In the northern sector 0746 HX is the first indication of arty in the very likely CLIMBACH area.

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS

a. Hvy harassing fire was carried out over the Corps front during the night. A total of 36 towns, suspected of sheltering enemy troops, were hit with WP shells, followed by harassing with 8" Hows, 240mm Hows were fired on the barracks in WISSEMBOURG.

634 FA Bn fired both normal and emergency barrages on the attack against 313 Inf and 242 Inf during the early morning.

About 1320A, the air observer for 6 FA Gp reported 200 enemy vehicles, including tanks, coming out of woods at R197337. Air and ground observers were alerted on the target. They adjusted fire from all available guns on inf and vehicular targets in that area. Results are incomplete, but reports confirm at least six tanks were knocked out as a result of arty fire. Late in the afternoon an observer for 6 FA Gp observed a direct hit on an enemy half-track by an 8" How. The 634 FA Bn ground observer was forced out of HATTEN (R-1833) by small arms fire so he withdrew to RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) where he remained during the entire attack.

69 AFA Bn was relieved of attachment to 33 FA Brig and attached to 405 FA Gp with mission of direct support of 36 Engr.

In order to supply medium coverage along the RHINE River 975 FA Bn was moved from vic SOULTZ (R-1037) to positions vic BISCHWILLER (R-1918).

### b. Missions Fired:

#### (1) Div Arty:

Type	45 IDA		79 IDA		14 ADA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		12	2	1		8
Per	16	6	23	2	9	22
Veh			3			
MG & Mor	2	2		1	2	
Prep		4			1	11
Armor	2		27		5	
Def Fire			9			
Har		28	2	24		93
Reg	10		1			
Misc			4	4		19
TOTAL	30	52	71	32	17	153

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(2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		17 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig*	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	4	3	1			12		6	2	6
Per	10		1		2	7			38	
Veh	3		2						2	
MG & Mor									5	4
Prop										12
Armor	13	7	5	3					12	
Def Fires										9
Har		99		27		45		23	35	42
Reg	1		4				1		7	
Dist	1									
TOTAL	32	109	13	30	2	64	1	29	101	73

\* Includes 12 ADA

AOP Missions - 35

## SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Forward elements of the corps were reported at the following points:

XV Corps: No change.

VI Corps: Q748447; Q746408; Q768389; Q783392; Q798387; Q810381; Q821367;  
Q837356; Q838382; Q841417; Q865424; Q876427; Q895429; Q925447;  
Q948434; Q973444; R001440; R015447; R042446; R066443; R100440;  
R113418; R152392; R152367; R175335; R224252; R202237; R185221;  
R157180; R128155; R125144; R088120.

Type	6 Gp		17 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig*	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	4	3	1			12		6	2	6
Per	10		1			7			38	
Veh	3		2						2	
MG & Mor									5	4
Prop										12
Armor	13	7	5	3					12	
Def Fires										9
Har		99		27		45		23	35	42
Reg	1		4				1		7	
Dist	1									
TOTAL	32	109	13	30	2	64	1	29	101	73

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The ey situation remained the same on the Corps front. Strong ey resistance by Inf and 3 tanks continued in HATTEN (R-1733), where ey apparently was reinforced with Inf from woods to the E. Our troops made contact with bn surrounded in HERRLISHEIM (R-1214), but bitter fighting for town continued and an estimated 6 tanks were reported in that area. FT. LOUIS (R-2322) was occupied by ey.

Ey continued determined opposition to our advance in the 45 Div sector. Our arty effectively TOT'd an ey platoon mess line in NEUNHOTTEN (Q-9146). Arty fire forced the ey to abandon OP vic Q-933449. In the 79 Div sector the ey continued his stiff resistance in HATTEN with Inf supported by tanks in street fighting but appeared to be withdrawing from town to the wood M of HATTEN. In the GAMBSHEIM area street fighting continued in the town of HERRLISHEIM and considerable arty and mortar fire was received.

a. The bitter battle raging in three critical sectors on the Corps front brought with it continued increase in arty activity as the ey supported his defense in the mountains and in the bridgehead, and his attack in the right center by hvy volume of arty fire. The heaviest fire covered his attack, with the next heaviest in 45 Div sector, and last, but still considerable, in the bridgehead sector. Practically the same areas, in most cases our forward inf elements, as yesterday were the targets. Harassing fire during the night was much greater than usual with hvy shelling W of REIPERTSWILLER. Frequent fire in the HOFFEN-HATTEN area, and scattered concentrations vic ROTHEACH and along the beach-head perimeter. During the day hvy concentrations, consisting of 50-200 rds of mixed cals, fell in the HOFFEN-NIEDERBETSCHDORF-HATTEN triangle, also on attacking inf N of WINGEN (7439) and vic of WILDEGUTH, with KURTZENHAUSEN (0515) W of the bridgehead receiving 100 rds at 1030A. In this sector, HERRLISHEIM, DRUSENHEIM, BISCHWILLER, and the ROHRWILLER bridge were all shelled in the most active period between 1000A and 1700A. PHILLIPSBURG area received 70 rds 75mm cal, between 0830A and 1030A. Air OP adjustments indicate bulk of the ey arty supporting the attack is grouped along the line OBERSEEBACH-TRIMBACH-EBERBACH. Unfortunately adjustments could be obtained only on about half the guns observed to be present in this area. The most active area in the bridgehead sector appears to be around the town of LICHTENAU.

2 FOB    45 Div    79 Div    33 Brig    35 Gp  
32           21           16           10           6

(1) Additions:

<u>CONC NO</u>	<u>COORDINATE</u>	<u>ACC</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>NO/TYPE</u>
8245 JI	826 - 457	B	194 AOP	3/-
9047 JD	9076-4712	B	158 GOP	1/-
1514 JF	1565-1474	A	2 FOB - S	1-5/-
1546 JH	1522-4619	B	2 FOB - S	1/Lt
1708 JB	1705-0800	A	AP - 8 Jan	4/HAA
1837 JN	1851-3774	B	36 AOP	1/-
1840 JG	1820-4040	B	79 AOP	4/-
1900 JA	197 - 000	B	AP - 8 Jan	3/Lt
1913 JE	1968-1386	A	2 FOB - S	1-5/-
1939 JJ	1909-3912	B	36 AOP	1/Nebel
1939 JL	193 - 393	B	6 ACP	-/-
2015 HZ	2069-1505	A	AP - 8 Jan	4/HAA
2037 JM	2000-3724	B	36 AOP	-/-
2434 JK	244 - 346	B	6 AOP	4/-
3226 WU	3267-2665	A	AP - 9 Jan	4/Lt
3228 WS	3236-2876	A	AP - 9 Jan	2/Med
3228 WT	3227-2800	A	AP - 9 Jan	4/Lt or Med

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## (2) Amendments:

1913 HP to read 1941-1399

## (3) Suspect List #20-5 (locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional information or a more accurate location):--

196 - 322	2 Btrys/105	PW	1771-1380	1-2/-	2 FOB-S
1967-3691	2/Lt	2 FOB-F	230 - 346	1/-	6 AOP
2732-5420	1/-	2 FOB-S	195 - 385	1/-	6 AOP
2520-4650	1/-	2 FOB-S	217 - 348	1/-	6 ACP
1888-1404	1/-	2 FOB-S	209 - 379	1/-	6 AOP
1855-1408	3/Med?	2 FOB-S	207 - 383	1/-	6 AOP
1908-1409	1-2/-	2 FOB-S	1845-3795	1/-	6 ACP
2190-5580	3/-	2 FOB-S	2065 3730	1/-	6 ACP
1190-4895	1-2/-	2 FOB-S	1705-1737	1-3/-	2 FOB-S
1856-1175	1/-	2 FOB-S	1914-1389	1-2/-	2 FOB-S

Both batteries of the 2 FOB were extremely active during the period with 19 locations turned in. Some of these were located as often as 7 times (1913 HP and 1913 JE). Flash provided only one location of poor accuracy. A few locations made by Sound NE of WISSEMBOURG lead us to suspect some long-range medium and possibly hvy guns have been brought in there. Unfortunately due to lack of fresh photo-coverage, a full evaluation of sound locations is impossible, as many undoubtedly are those of tanks and SP guns whose positions vary too often for effective CB action to be taken against them.

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS

a. Hvy harassing, especially in the area W of SULTZ (R-2732), was fired by Corps Arty units during the night. 240mm fire was placed in MOUTERHOUSE (2-7942) at the request of 45 Inf Div Arty.

During the day, TOT's were fired on ey assembly points, ey occupied towns, and crossing sites in the GAMBSHEIM bridgehead area.

36 FA Bn was adjusted by AOP on two ey tanks, R-191336, at 0925A. Ten rds were fired with a direct hit on one tank reported. The tank was left smoking.

Section 4, C Btry, 194 FA Bn, sited to cover the GAMBSHEIM bridgehead area, was especially successful with observed missions during the period. Two houses containing ey installations were fired on during the afternoon. One, at R-138160, was destroyed with ten rds. The other, at R-119125, was damaged considerably with ten rds. At 1720A the how was adjusted on three ey tanks at R-135153. A direct hit was made on one tank.

14 Armd Div AOP adjusted 995 FA Bn on 4 SP's at 2-819425. Two SP's were definitely destroyed.

## b. Summary of Missions Fired:

### (1) Div Arty:

Type	45 IDA		79 IDA		12 ADA		14 ADA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	2	7	11	1	3	1	3	1
Per	18	6	18	6	13	9	7	6
Veh	1			1	1	4		6
MG & Mor		2	6		3	3		
Prep		4						33
Armor	1		2	1	7	3	1	2
Def Fires								3
Har	5	105		48	26	62		55
Reg	15		8		2		7	
Misc			6	18	1	7	1	15
Prop		8						4
TOTAL	42	132	51	75	56	89	19	125

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(2) Corps Arty		6 Gp		17 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
Type		Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		5	16		9	2	36	1	11	1	15
Per		1	11	2		1		5		8	1
MG & Mor								5		1	
Armor		3	12	2	7	3	1			2	
Har			37		20		37		17		42
Reg		4		1		4		13		6	
Misc										2	12
TOTAL		13	76	5	36	10	74	24	28	20	70

AOP Missions .. 47

#### SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Forward elements of the Corps are reported at the following points as of 1800A: Q748448; Q746426; Q740420; Q740410; Q755408; Q750400; Q752389; Q768389; Q782392; Q812382; Q818388; Q828383; Q846386; Q840415; Q878428; Q895464; Q945435; Q872442; R000440; R015445; R070445; R100440; thence along MAGINOT Line defenses to R224254; R235225; R160180; R125146; R110100.

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HEADQUARTERS VI CORPS ARTILLERY  
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DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #125.SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

The main pressure on Corps left flank was maintained by the 12 SS Mtn Regt and elements had reached Q-785383 where they cut the road. The 12 SS Regt's attack was supported by arty and mortar fire and PW's indicate tanks will be used to support the offensive although no unusual armored activity has been noticed. Ey Inf supported by two tanks infiltrated to attack RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533). Ey was contained but hvy fighting continued in the E part of town. Hvy fighting was reported in town of HATTEN (R-1833) where ey was using 15 tanks to support Inf.

Ey attack in 45 Div sector was stopped generally along 38 Northing between 78 and 80 Eastings, and at end of period was being renewed by an estimated Bn against high ground vic Q-795380. Strong contact was maintained with ey vic ALTHORN (Q-7540) and OBERMUEHLTHAL (Q-8439) with ey alert to all movement.

Ey continued hvy attacks in HATTEN (R-1833) and RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1534) but our troops reported destroying 4 ey MK IV tanks, one armored car, and one scout car in HATTEN. Two tanks were also reported knocked out in RITTERSHOFFEN. Our C/A to the E taking place N of RITTERSHOFFEN made some progress.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. Due perhaps to poor visibility the activity of the enemy artillery decreased somewhat during the period, particularly in weight of concentrations, though the fire may still be characterized as moderate to heavy. Of the three critical sectors, the 45 Div zone received about the same as yesterday; the right center, though still receiving the heaviest volume, decreased slightly, and the bridgehead sector decreased considerably. Interdiction and harassing fire during the night fell vic of PHILLIPSBURG, LEMBACH, and in the HOFFEN - NIEDERBETSCHSDORF area, including a 100 round concentration in HOFFEN early in the period. Peculiarly enough, the bridgehead sector received its shelling during the night, for none was reported after 0600A. Our artillery in the BISCHWILLER area received 80 rounds med caliber between 0125A and 0600A, and a heavy caliber gun harassed the same area. WEYERSHEIM and ROHRWILLER were also shelled. After sparing the WILDENGUTH region during the night, the enemy attempted to prevent our C/A to his early morning advance by throwing frequent 10-30 round concentrations into this area between 1000A and noon. In the early afternoon, the fire shifted into the PHILLSBURG and SE of BAERANTHAL areas, and artillery in vic of WINGEN was counterbattered. The HOFFEN - NIEDERBETSCHSDORF - HATTEN triangle received the bulk of the fire in the 79th Div sector, including some CB on our artillery W of NIEDERBETSCHSDORF. In the late afternoon, the fire in all sectors dropped off considerably. The most active artillery areas continue to be the MOUTERHOUSE - BAERANTHAL, EGUELSHARDT - WALDECK, and OBERSEEBACH - TRIMBACH - EBERBACH areas.

Fragments turned in by the 995th FA Bn prove definitely that a 21cm gun, firing a semi-armor piercing shell very similar to a dud recovered on the Anzio beach-head, shelled a battery position vic 9135. Bearings from the shelled area indicate that a heavy caliber gun located by photos in the Q8561 square may be responsible. 2 FOB B-sound obtained an area location in the W-2094 square of a heavy gun believed to be shelling in the HAGUENAU - BISCHWILLER region during the night.

Shellrep total 58

2 FOB

79 Div

35 Gp

17 Gp

45 Div

33 Brig

17

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## SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY CONT'D.

### b. Changes to EB List #20

#### (1) Additions:

Conc No.	Coords	Acc	Source	No./Type
7741 JV	773-412	B	PW	2/105
8040 JO	804-402	B	PW, AOP	6/-
9050 JY	9064-5044	A	AP-2 Jan	1/Lt
9050 JX	9093-5077	A	AP-2 Jan	1/Lt
9050 JW	9075-5089)			
	9090-5093)	A	AP-2 Jan	6/Med
	9104-5097)			
1448 JS	1472-1837	B	PW	-/76.2
1448 JR	1422-1837	B	PW, 2 FOB-S	-/76.2
1942 JP	1920-4248	B	2 FOB-S	1-2/Med
2315 JU	2353-1565	B	2 FOB-S	1/-
2415 JT	2403-1551	A	2 FOB-S	2/-
3228 JQ	3265-2890	A	AP-3 Jan	4/Lt

#### (2) Deletions

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#### (3) Suspect List #20-6 (Locations of doubtful activity and that requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location).

2010-9475	1/Hy	2 FOB-S
852-456	-/-	PW
779-415	1/Nebel	PW
807-428	1/Med	PW

13 sound locations were received during the period one of which was an "area" location of a hvy gun. A PW location SW of WISSEMBOURG was confirmed and two medium forces located in the 1942 square (JP). 2038 JZ and 1839 KA were TOT'd, as their location coincided with concentrations reported by shell-reps. Two new locations were made across the RHINE--2315 JU and 2415 JT.

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. The 45 Inf Div Arty fired a total of 236 unobserved missions, including 129 harassing and 71 ey personnel and 69 observed missions, including 20 personnel, 17 preparation, and 24 registrations. During the night an extremely heavy harassing program was fired over the entire division sector. The ey counter-attacked in the morning immediately prior to an arty preparation in the WILDENGUTH area (7838) and many Krauts were slaughtered. The fight continued all day without the ey gaining and an extensive program was fired on the road net and assembly areas in this sector.

The 79 Inf Div Arty fired a total of 95 unobserved missions, including 73 harassing, and 18 observed missions, including 8 personnel. During the night a very intensive harassing program was fired on the approach routes to the HATTEN area (1733). During the day the ey continued to attack the HATTEN - RITTERSHOFFEN area and the arty was continuously busy beating off attacks and helping the infantry restore their lines when penetrations were made. The equipment reported to be destroyed included 4 MK IV tanks, 1 Armd Car, and 1 Scout Car.

A heavy harassing program on the road net, crossing sites, and ey held towns was fired during the night in the Kraut's RHINE river bridgehead by the 33 FA Brigade and 12 Armd Div Arty. A total of 128 unobserved and 53 observed missions was fired by these organizations. During the day a TOT was fired on HERRLISHEIM (1214) and harassed, during the rest of the day; also the crossing sites and road net was kept under fire. POZIT fuze was used unsparingly.

The 6 FA Gp fired a total of 112 unobserved missions and 1 observed mission during the period. The Group gave continued support to the defense and attacks of the 79 Inf Div in the HATTEN area.

SECTION III. OPERATIONS CONT'D.

The 17 FA Gp fired a total of 62 unobserved missions and 1 observed during the period. This group gave general support to the Div by firing long range harassing and numerous counter battery missions. The 575 FA Bn, 8" Gun, fired 20 rds into RASTADT (3428) and it is hoped they will again cause a run on the Bank.

The 35 FA Gp, gave close support to the 45 Inf Div in sector and fired a total of 58 unobserved missions and 2 observed missions.

The 405 FA Gp fired in support of the 45 Inf Div in their East sector, which was relatively quiet during the period, and fired 29 unobserved missions and 2 observed missions.

The visibility was extremely poor during the day; so the POZIT fuze was fired quite extensively on ey personnel and counter battery missions.

b. Summary of Missions Fired

(1) Div Arty

Type	12 ADA		14 ADA		45 IDA		79 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB				3		26		
Per	27	4	7	10	20	71	8	1
Veh	1	1			2		1	
MG & Mor		1			2	7	1	
Prep					17	1		
Armor		33	1	1	4	1	2	
Def Fires								3
Har	13	55		53		129		73
Reg	2				24		5	
Misc				5		1	1	18
TOTAL	43	64	8	72	69	236	18	95

(2) Corps Arty

Type	6 Gp		17 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 FAB	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		28		35	1	25		12		4
Per	1	7					1			6
Prep										
Armor		3				1	1			
Def Fires				1						
Har		74		26		32		17	10	48
PRReg			1		1					
Misc										6
TOTAL	1	112	1	62	2	58	2	29	10	64

AOP Missions: None.

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Forward elements of Corps are reported at the following points as of 1800A:

Q-747448, Q-745428, Q-740420, Q-754407, Q-750403, Q-756398, Q-756387, Q-767380, Q-797387, Q-812379, Q-817389, Q-838382, Q-846395, Q-852435, Q-875444, Q-890437, Q-925447, Q-945434, Q-973443, R-001440, R-015447, R-044445, R-067443, R-090440, R-100440, R-180370, R-174360, R-182352, R-159330, R-220255, R-195217, R-159185, R-122150, R-082116, R-090185.

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DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #126.

SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Ey continued strong and aggressive in the BITCHE salient and in REIPERTSWILLER HATTEN area throughout the day. Ey strongly resisted our attempts to regain positions lost in attack of 111800A along 38 northing between 79 and 80 eastings. Ey resistance was lighter but still stubborn to our attack on RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533). Bridgehead area was generally quiet but ey continued to occupy dug-in positions on E bank of canal SW of HERRLISHEIM (R-1214).

On Corps left flank our attack met an estimated 2 Co's of ey vic 4755408 at 1210A and U/K ey resisted vic 4763394 with S/A, arty and mortar fire. Our attack at 1430A met intense S/A fire vic 4780385 and ey C/A there at 1600A was repulsed. Ey C/A received vic 4798385, supported by mortar and arty fire, was repulsed but intense arty and mortar fire was still being received at 1800A.

Hvy fighting continued in HATTEN-RITTERSHOFFEN area with ey defending with Inf and tanks and using considerable arty. Ey still holds E part of RITTERSHOFFEN and is reported to have an estimated 7 tanks in this area. ROHRWILLER received hvy mortar concentration at 1530A.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. With the stalling of his attack and the launching of our counterattack, in this period the enemy reacted with the greatest artillery activity yet experienced by VI Corps in France. Exhibiting considerable strength in artillery, the enemy directed the fire of his guns predominantly into the critical HOFFEN-OBERBETSCHDORF-HATTEN triangle. Volume of fire in the 45th sector showed little change, but the bridgehead sector reported only slight activity. A very active night was characterized by heavy harassing fire in the H-O-H triangle, and frequent, though light, shelling vic PHILLIPSEURG, and in the bridgehead sector, with heavy calibers being particularly active vic REICHSHOFFEN and INGWILLER. During the day the H-O-H triangle received concentrations up to 200 rounds, of mixed calibers, though mediums formed a large portion of the shelling. RITTERSHOFFEN and our positions to the N of it were especially pounded, an estimated 400-500 rounds falling in this area alone during the afternoon. Moderate CB fire was also reported in the SCHWABWILLER-OBERBETSCHDORF area. In the 45th sector, the shelling was more scattered than usual, the WILDENGUTH area receiving only occasional fire today, with the rest in the PHILLIPSEURG and SE of BAERANTHAL areas. Harassing fire in DRUSENHEIM and vic ROHRWILLER occurred in the bridgehead sector. Air OP, sound locations, and those obtained from other sources indicate that the enemy artillery is deployed from WISSEMBOURG to SELTZ with the bulk located in the OBERSEEBAACH-TRIMBACH-EBERBACH area.

The latest unusual caliber identified is the 128mm flak, which has been firing into the BISCHWILLER sector, very likely from the HAA positions picked up on air photos vic LICHTENAU.

Shellrep total: 133

45 Div	35 Gp	79 Div	14 Armd	2 FOB	6 GP	405 Gp	33 Brig
15	23	29	10	29	14	6	7

b. Changes to EB List #20

(1) Additions:

Conc No.	Coords	Acc	Source	No./Type
9146 KL	9120-4640	B	158 GOP	1/-
1441 KM	1479-4184	B	2 FOB-S, AOP	3/-
1441 KN	1402-4130	A	2 FOB-S	2/-
1643 KK	1600-4340	B	6 AOP	4/-
1738 KB	1736-3814	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
1816 KI	1880-1677	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
1816 KO	1853-1693	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
1839 KC #1	1886-3914	A	2 FOB-S	1/-

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(1) Additions (Cont'd.)

Conc No.	Coords.	Acc	Source	No./Type
#2	1860-3902	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
1909 KP	1911-0943	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
1940 KG	1926-4084	A	2 FOB-S	2/-
1942 KD	1953-4201	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
1943 KE	1955-4304	B	2 FOB-S	2/Lt
2040 KF	2004-4064	B	2 FOB-S	1/-
2240 KJ	2209-4023	B	2 FOB-S	1/-
2435 JC	2466-3596	B	36 AOP	-/-
2639 KH	2643-3984	B	2 FOB-S	4/-

(2) Deletions:  
9245 EN

(3) Suspect List #20-7 (Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location).

2048-4213	2/Lt	2 FOB-S	1602-4078	1/-	2 FOB-S
2410-4032	1-5/-	2 FOB-S	1993-4358	1/-	2 FOB-S
2307-4015	1/-	2 FOB-S	1188-4550	1/88	79 Div
1416-4041	1-3/-	2 FOB-S	171-464	1/-	6 AOP
1614-4636	1-5/-	2 FOB-S	198-356	2/-	6 AOP
			764-436	4/75	FW

A record total of 49 sound locations were recorded during the period, of which 26 were those of guns across the RHINE in the bridgehead sector. Of the latter only one was included in the EB list, the remaining ones being ascribed to SP's. A large percentage of the locations made in the vital WISSENBURG-LAUTENBURG-SELTZ triangle are also probably those of SP guns, but no way of checking on them exists until Air Photos of this area become available. Rather disturbing is the fact that almost none of today's sound locations confirmed any of the appreciable number recorded in this area previously, but it may indicate considerable SP activity.

Haziness and overcast interfered with flash operations.

SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. 240mm fire on communications center in WISSENBURG (R1548) and ey assembly points in STUNDWILLER (R1836) and ASCHBACH (R1837) was included in the harassing program over the Corps front during the night.

Heavy counter battery fire was placed on the area between WISSENBURG and SELTZ (R2732) to counter the heavy shelling on 79 Div elements during late afternoon and night. A comprehensive CB program was fired in support of 14 Arm'd Div attack in the STUNDWILLER (R1836) - ASCHBACH (R1837) area in the morning.

634 FA Bn was adjusted on ey vehicles and tanks N of HATTEN (R1733) during the night. One tank was seen to catch on fire. It started toward BUEL (R1935) but just before reaching the town it exploded.

At 2110A, 2 FA Obsn Bn conducted a CI registration by sound for A Btry, 36 FA Bn. 3 rds were expended, with CI plotted at R21351182. Later the battery was fired on an ey btry located by sound. Sound surveillance indicated the rounds fell within 10 yds of the ey btry.

TOT's were fired in the early afternoon on CAMP DE BITCHE (J8150), E-JUELSHARDT (J8246), and MOUTERHOUSE (J7942).

The breech block of #1 gun, A Btry, 976 FA Bn, blew off while firing at 2130A. One man was killed and two were injured. The cause of the accident is yet undetermined.

Adverse weather restricted use of AOP's during the day. 35 FA Gp Cubs, in the afternoon, were able to observe considerable ey traffic on the BAERENTHAL (J3442) - MOUTERHOUSE (J7942) road, and adjusted 17 FA Bn and 995 FA Bn on critical points in that area.

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SECTION III. OPERATIONS CONT'D.

## b. Summary of missions fired:

## (1) Div Arty:

Type	12 ADA		14 ADA		45 IDA		79 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		1	4	10	2			5
Per	23	11	9	2	27	28	3	4
Veh					4		1	
MG & Mor	5	1		1	5	6	1	3
Prep			4	11	4	23		12
Armor	2		2		2		15	3
Def Fires				4				8
Har		81	4	42	3	108		75
Reg	4				20		5	
Misc	2			11				15
TOTAL	36	94	23	81	67	165	25	125

## (2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		17 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 FA Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		29		44		20	3	5		9
Per	7		3		3		2		1	
Veh					1					
Prep	3									
Armor	1									
Def Fires			7							
Har	83		38		41		27		3	50
Reg					3				1	
Misc			3							2
Dest					1					
TOTAL	123		95		61		5	32	5	61

AOP Missions: 6

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Forward elements of the Corps are reported at the following points as 1800a:

XV Corps: 4747-508, 4738-488, 4749-473, 4748-448, 4744-427, 4740-421.  
 VI Corps: 4755-403, 4762-398, 4762-384, 4787-380, 4801-385, 4818-382, 4835-403,  
 4852-416, 4864-429, 4881-423, 4913-439, 4925-446, 4946-435, 4972-443,  
 R015-446, R043-446, R067-444, R103-442, R132-418, R153-395, R170-370,  
 R180-348, R212-271, R235-252, R203-237, R190-212, R160-180, R130-168,  
 R115-156, R085-116.

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DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #127

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Our troops continued to meet strong opposition S and SE of ALTHORN (27540) and on crest of LE FORLENKOPF (27838). Ey resistance remained stubborn in RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533) while the church and cemetery were still ey strong points. Hvy opposition also continued vic HATTEN (R1833). Our troops reported receiving long range S/A fire from ey troops in positions along E bank of canal SW of HERRLISHEIM (R1214).

Stubborn opposition was encountered throughout zone of advance in W part of 45 Div sector. SS troops continued tenacious opposition vic LE FORLENKOPF (2780388). 4 ME-262's bombed WIMMENAU (27634) and 9 FW-190's bombed PHILLIPSBURG (28742) area at 1630A. In spite of hvy ey opposition especially in church area of RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533) our troops made some progress. Two ey tanks destroyed and two reported captured in RITTERSHOFFEN. It was reported that our armored Inf contacted 2d Bn, 315th Inf in the town of HATTEN. DENGOLSHEIM (R1821) and ROESCHWOOG (R2225) was reported clear at 1550A.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY

a. Considerable reduction occurred in ey arty activity during the period, due probably to improved visibility and better weather which favored our air observation, and extensive counterbattery of all known locations. In both day and night activity noticeable decrease occurred, particularly in the number of hvy concentrations. The HATTEN-OBEBETCHSDORF-HOFFEN triangle continued to be the hardest and most frequently hit area, though much less than yesterday, and the 45 Div was favored with a slight decrease, but the bridgehead sector has quieted down very much. In the latter area, two moderate CB concentrations were reported before midnight vic BISCHWILLER and a few hvy cal shells fell in WEYERSHEIM, but after that the bridgehead was quiet, except for 50 rds in ROHRWILLER at 1705A. The harassing fire during the night in the H-O-H triangle and vic 8338, WILDENGUTH, ZINSWILLER, ROTHBACH and a few hvy cal shells in PFAFFENHOFFEN, was generally lt, consisting of 10 to 20 rds. Lt and med cals harassed our troops in the H-O-H triangle intermittently in the morning but in the early afternoon hvy concentrations, exceeding a 100 rds fell in RITTERSHOFFEN and vic 8338. About 1700A WILDENGUTH and the H-O-H triangle each received 60 rds, with 50 more falling in the latter area at the close of the period. The arty along the line WISSEMBOURG - SELTZ, especially vic OBER-STEIBACH - TRIMBACH - EBERBACH continued to be the most active area.

Shellrep total - 70

79 Div	45 Div	14 Armd	17 Gp	405 Gp	35 Gp	2 FOB
8	10	12	11	1	2	16

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b. Changes to EB List #20

(1) Additions:

CONC NO	COORDINATE	ACC	SOURCE	NO/TYPE
7845 KU	7856-4542	B	35 ACP	6/-
8347 KS	837 - 473	B	VI C ACP	4/88
1541 K2	1562-4145	B	2 FOB - S	2/-
1841 KR	1812-4164	B	6 ACP	-/-
1934 KT	196 - 340	B	14 GCP	-/-

(2) Deletions:

7940 HI 1939 JJ 2037 HW

(3) Suspect List #20-8 (Locations of doubtful activity or those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location).

015 - 500	1/-	69 GCP
0467-4778	1/Lt	69 GCP

Reduced ey activity is responsible mainly for the sudden slump in sound locations with only 10 recorded both in the N and across the RHINE. Only one of these was new, frdm confirming older locations and the remaining 5 being still ascribed to roaming SP's in the bridgehead sector.

Flash - NTR

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## SECTION III. OPERATIONS

a. A preparation was fired for the attack of the 14 Armd Div. Roads N and S of HATTEN were harassed during the attack. A smoke screen was laid by the arty to neutralize ey observation during the attack.

Good visibility enabled the conduct of many observed missions though high winds hampered the operation of AOP's intermittently during the period.

A "horsefly" plane reported a bldg in the 7741 sq with vehicles around it. The 35 Gp AOP adjusted the 995 FA Bn on it and obtained 2 direct hits.

AOP adjusted 194 FA Bn on bridge at 179348 and reported 2 hits on the bridge damaging it.

Lines of communication and troop assembly areas were fired on by both Div and Corps Arty.

b. Summary of Missions fired:

(1) Div Arty:

Type	12 ADA		14 ADA		45 IDA		71 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CS		2		13	3	4		6
Per	44	24	11	1	27	26	15	2
Veh	3	1					2	2
MG & Mor	5			2	11	2	3	4
Prep				10	2	3		1
Armor	3			1			5	5
Def Fires				9				1
Har		51		43		85		45
Reg	5		10		35		4	
Misc	3	1	3	13			1	13
TOTAL	63	79	24	92	78	120	30	79

(2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		17 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CS		40		27		18	1	6	3	7
Per	2	3	1	1	4		2			
Veh					4		3			
MG & Mor										
Prep			3	1					1	
Armor		1								
Har		30		21		55		24		33
Reg	4		1				8		6	
Misc		5	10				1		6	7
Dest			1							
TOTAL	6	79	16	50	8	73	15	30	16	47

AOP Missions - 19

## SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Forward elements of the Corps are reported as follows: Q752412; Q760401; Q765385; Q780388; Q800387; Q830384; Q834404; Q863428; Q890488; Q925447; Q945433; Q973444; R015446; R044445; R056443; R100440; R128422; R150404; R160338; R175335; R210270; R201245; R198218; R160180; R089120; R098098.

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THE SEVENTH ARMY

DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #123.

SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

By continued his aggressiveness in the HATTEN-RITTERSHOFFEN area by launching a counterattack with approximately 60 infantry unsupported by tanks from N of RITTERSHOFFEN at 1700A hours; this attack was repulsed, but between 2115A hours and 2330A hours, a strong counterattack, supported by SPs and tanks (some reported equipped with flame-throwers) was launched from HATTEN towards RITTERSHOFFEN and a bitter fight ensued but this attack too was repulsed, by arty and tank fire. During the daylight hours close contact was maintained in this sector and a third C/A repulsed around 1500A hours; the close of the period found our troops still occupying the south side of HATTEN and attempting to clear the ey from the church and the graveyard in RITTERSHOFFEN. Reports as of 0600A hours stated we had taken 158 PWs, destroyed 14 ey tanks, one SP and one half track.

The bridgehead situation remained static with only patrol activity reported.

In 45 Div sector our Inf made limited advances against hvy pressure with numerous mines being encountered.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Though the enemy artillery continued to be quite active, the volume of fire was greatly reduced today, especially in the HOFFIN-OBERBETCHDORF-HATTEN triangle, with the heaviest concentration reported consisting of 60 rounds. During the night heavy calibers were very prominent as they put 40 rounds into RITTERSHOFFEN and approx 20 rounds into BISCHWILLER, but 2 FOB 3 flash obtained a location in the 2810 square on the gun responsible for the latter shelling, and it is hoped that retaliatory operations bear fruit. Elsewhere the principal harassing fires fell vic HOFFEN and 7639. The bridgehead sector continued to be relatively quiet with only light shelling in ROHRWILLER being reported. In the daylight hours, when the enemy was most lively, the fire in the H-O-H triangle was mainly harassing in nature, with an occasional 10-40 rounds falling, in marked contrast to the two preceding days when massed fires, amounting sometimes to bn strength, were laid down. For this reason, the amount of shelling received in the two major sectors was about the same, since a slight increase occurred in the 45th sector. In the latter, our forward elements along the line ALTHORN-REIPERTSWILLER received the bulk of the fire, including a barrage which fell vic 762-405 at 1030A. Position areas in the 45th sector show little change in strength, as far as can be ascertained from AOP locations and incomplete photo coverage. The same factors indicate a like situation along the WISSEMBOURG-SELTZ line, with the mass still being located in the OBERSEEBACH-TRIMBACH-EBERBACH area. In view of the lack of activity of guns in the BITCHE area, at least as far as this Corps is concerned, and also those along the line EUSENBERG (0758)-BERG ZABERN MINFELD, and lack of photo coverage which might permit a check, all locations in these areas are not being included in the new EB List '21. This should not be construed, however, as meaning that all these locations are now unoccupied, but evidence at hand would suggest such a condition.

Shellrep total: 86

45 Div	79 Div	14 Armd	17 Gp	6 Gp	2 FOB	93 AFA
25	11	26	3	3	17	1

22 sound and 2 flash locations were made during the period. Of the latter one was of the heavy gun shelling the HAGUENAU area and one of medium guns in the 1944 square (KX). 2 btries of 150's were located in the bridgehead sector, while they were in the process of shelling the sound OP. 1841 KR was confirmed with "A" accuracy. Some of the locations were very close in vic HATTEN and are presumed to be those of our own tanks.

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## SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. With a reduced allowance of ammunition harassing fire over the Corps front was considerably reduced.

Counter-battery comprised the major portion of firing by Corps arty units, as German guns continued to shell elements of the Corps heavily, a counter-battery program, covering all known locations in the BAERENTHAL (Q8342) - EQUELSCHARDT (Q8246) area, was fired twice in support of 45 Div. XV Corps Arty was also requested to harass a number of likely battery locations and critical points by 45 Div.

An M-12 sect, attached to 6 FA Gp, shot 3 rds HE, using T-105 fuze, on the church in RITTERSHOFFEN. This bldg was being used as a strong point by the ey. Considerable damage was done to the bldg. Counter battery fire forced the M-12 to withdraw before reduction of the bldg was complete.

938 F air observer took a personal interest in adjusting fire on two 20mm AA guns at Q918462 and one 20mm AA gun at Q929466. These guns were firing at him as he adjusted. Nine rds on the first location and eight rds on the second effectively silenced the guns.

79 Div arty claims one ey tank and one SP knocked out in RITTERSHOFFEN during the day.

35 FA Gp fired two observed counter battery missions. 995 FA Bn adjusted on 3-7 guns at Q787460. 17 FA Bn started a fire in the area while adjusting on a btry at Q831428.

21 rds were expended by 36 FA Bn on one ey gun at R180376.

### b. Summary of Missions Fired:

#### (1) Div Arty:

Type	45 IDA		79 IDA		12 ADA		14 ADA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	2	10	1		1		1	
Per	30	47	15	3	12	2	10	2
Veh	1				2		1	
MG & Mor	3		2	1	3		3	
Prep	6	4						
Armor			3				5	
Def Fires				2			8	20
Har	3	140		36	1	29		35
Reg	26		8		7		4	
Misc	1		6	17			6	4
Prop	1			6		1		
TOTAL	73	201	35	65	26	32	27	62

#### (2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		17 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	6	17	4	9	3	25	4	11		2
Per		2	2	2			1		1	
Veh					1				1	
MG & Mor										
Armor		2								
Def Fires									7	
Har		54		17		30		19	7	26
Reg	1		5		5		4		2	
D&st			4						2	
TOTAL	7	75	15	28	9	55	9	30	21	28

AOP Missions: 41

## SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Forward elements of the Corps are reported as follows: Q752-411, Q765-400, Q765-385, Q780-388, Q800-385, Q817-387, Q831-390, Q835-405, Q845-405, Q863-428, Q925-446, Q970-441, R015-447, R066-444, R128-421, R150-400, R175-365, R160-337, R175-337, R210-270, R195-217, R160-180, R115-150.

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# ENEMY BTRY LIST #21

CONC NO.	COORDS	ACC	SOURCE	NO./TYPE
7741 JV	773-412	B	PW	2/105
7845 KU	7856-4542	B	35 AOP	6/-
7940 HH	792-407	B	405 AOP	4/-
7942 LD	790-424	B	PW	4/75
7942 HQ	7984-4261	B	AOP, PW	4/75
8040 JO	804-402	B	AOP, PW	4-6/105?
8143 HR	8175-4305	B	PW	6/75
8242 HL	829-427	B	45 AOP	2/-
8243 HJ	826-435	B	AOP, PW	1/150
8245 KZ	8280-4511	A	AP-13 Jan	1-3/Lt
8342 LA	8308-4283	B	35 AOP	-/-
8347 KS	8370-4730	B	VIC AOP	4/88
8442 LB	8420-4260	B	35 AOP	-/-
8444 VA	8481-4443	A	AP-13 Jan	3/Lt
8444 KY	8400-4438	A	AP-13 Jan	4/Lt
8446 HK	8481-4664	B	976 AOP	-/-
8446 HE	8430-4623	B	976 AOP	3/-
8545 HS	8520-4562	B	PW	-/75 or 105
8950 WA	8994-5012	A	AP-2 Jan	4/Lt
9047 JD	9050-4717	B	AOP, GOP	1/-
9050 JW	9075-5089)			
	9090-5093)	A	AP-2 Jan	6/Med
	9104-5097)			
9146 KL	9120-4640	B	158 GOP	1/-
9552 WM	9510-5284	A	AP-5 Jan	6/Med
9653 GV	9640-5394)			
	9650-5398)	A	AP, PW	2/105
9854 GT	9845-5485	B	AOP, PW	6/-
9855 GX	9812-5504	B	938 AOP	2/-
0454 HB	0418-5452	B	171 GOP	1/-
0756 HX	0792-4680	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
1357 GZ	1372-5720	A	AF-28 Dec	1/Hy?
1441 KN	1402-4130	A	2 FOB-S	2-3/-
1441 KM	1479-4184	B	2 FOB-S, AOP	3/-
1448 JS	1472-4815	B	PW	-/76.2
1448 JR	1421-4837	B	PW, 2 FOB-S	-/76.2
1541 KQ	1562-4145	B	2 FOB-S	2/-
1546 JH	1522-4619	B	2 FOB-S	1/Lt
1643 KK	1600-4340	B	6 AOP	4/-
1738 KB	1736-3814	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
1837 LC	1800-3762	B	36 AOP	1/-
1837 JN	1851-3774	B	36 AOP	1/-
1839 KA	1851-3920	A	2 FOB-S	4/-
1839 KC	1886-3914			
	1860-3902	A	2 FOB-S	2/-
1840 JG	1820-4040	B	79 AOP	4/-
1841 KR	1820-4158	A	2 FOB-S, AOP	2-4/-
1841 HY	1842-4117	B	79, 6 AOP	4/-
1934 KT	196-340	B	14 GOP	-/-
1939 JL	193-393	B	6 AOP	-/-
1940 KG	1926-4084	A	2 FOB-S	2/-
1942 JP	1980-4248	B	2 FOB-S	1-2/Med
1942 KD	1953-4201	A	2 FOB-S	1/Lt
1943 KE	1955-4304	B	2 FOB-S	1-2/Lt
2037 JM	2000-3724	B	36 AOP	-/-
2037 HU	2085-3785	B	6, 36 AOP	-/-
2038 JZ	2015-3838	A	2 FOB-S	3/-
2040 KF	2004-4064	B	2 FOB-S	1/-
2134 LE	214-340	B	36 AOP	1/-
2138 LF	2106-3870	B	36 AOP	1/-
2240 KJ	2209-4023	B	2 FOB-S 36 AOP	1/-
2436 JK	244-367	B	AOP	4/G
2435 JC	2466-3596	B	36 AOP	-/-

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<u>CONC NO.</u>	<u>COCRDS</u>	<u>ACC</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>NO./TYPE</u>
2635 VE	2695-3501	A	AP-13 Jan	2/SP-150?
2639 KH	2643-3984	B	2 FOB-S	4/-
2735 VD	2710-3575	A	AP-13 Jan	3/SP-150
1513 KV	1548-1350	B	2 FOB-S	1/-
1514 LJ	1583-1490	A	2 FOB-S	2/150
1614 LH	1696-1484	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
1708 JB	1705-0800	A	AP-8 Jan	4/HAA
1814 LG	1800-1422	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
1816 KI	1880-1677	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
1900 JA	197-000	A	AP-8 Jan	3/Lt
1909 KP	1911-0943	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
1913 LI	1914-1367	A	2 FOB-S	1-2/150
2012 KW	2014-1259	A	2 FOB-S	3/-
2015 HZ	2069-1505	A	AP-8 Jan	4/HAA
2315 JU	2338-1565	B	2 FOB-S	1/-
2415 JT	2403-1551	A	2 FOB-S	2/-
3228 WT	3227-2800	A	AP-9 Jan	4/Lt
3228 JN	3265-2890	A	AP-8 Jan	4/Lt
3228 WS	3236-2876	A	AP-9 Jan	2/Med?
3330 VF	3375-3091	A	AP-13 Jan	4/Lt
1944 KX	1920-4479	B	2 FOB-F	1/G
8444 LK	8468-4442	A	AP-14 Jan	1/Lt

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Ey continued his aggressive attitude and attempted to infiltrate our positions to cut road vic Q-774386 but was disorganized by our arty. Ey C/A at HATTEN R-1833 employed some inf and at least 4 tanks. Ey's pre-dawn attack was repulsed by 0645A.

Close contact was maintained on N slopes of LIEBERSBERG hill Q-809394. A strong C/A of U/K strength was repulsed vic Q-813395 at 1600A, but there were strong indications of a renewal of the attack. Two local C/As E of PHILLIESBOURG, one vic Q-893435 at 1600A and one vic Q-915435 at 1315A were repulsed and hvy casualties inflicted on ey. The 1151 and 1152 Arty Bns were tentatively identified as supporting the ey troops in HATTEN-RITTERSHOFFEN area. An estimated ey inf bn supported by tanks, arty and mortar fire attacked HATTEN from E around 1500A was repulsed. Our tanks were reported breaking through in HATTEN and were outposting the three roads leading into N of town.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

With most of the front free from aggressive action by either side, the activity of the ey arty, particularly ammunition expenditure, continued to decrease during the period, even in the areas where local attacks occurred. In the 45th sector considerable reduction was noticeable, and in the HOFFEN-OBERBECHSDORF-HATTEN triangle the shelling was generally of an harassing nature only, with the heaviest concentration reported totaling about 50 rds, though the larger portion of the fire fell in this area during the day. Except for hvy cal harassing of HAGUENAU and med cal interdiction of the ROHWILLER bridge during the night, the bridgehead sector was very quiet, and since photos revealed several unoccupied locations in this sector, the inactivity may indicate that the ey has abandoned offensive intentions there for the present, at least to the extent of withdrawing several of his hvy supporting weapons. Harassing fire vic RITTERSHOFFEN was lighter than usual during the night, and likewise only UHRWILLER (8841) and ALTHORN areas were hit in the 45th Div sector. During the day the H-O-H triangle was again the target for harassing concentrations at azimuths 0 to 1600 mils, but usually only 10-20 rds were thrown in at a time. 45th Div inf in the hills between REIP-ERTSWILLER and 8639 received several concentrations of moderate size, but the WILDENGUTH-ALTHORN area was quite conspicuously absent from the target list. Hvy calibers in the N took advantage of poor visibility and shelled HERTZWILLER, ZINSWILLER and MULHAUSEN between 0730A and 0800A. The 125th Armd Engr Bn turned in an excellent, complete shellrep on the HERTZWILLER shelling, including fragments.

A complete estimate of arty strength on the Corps front is still impossible, because photo coverage taken yesterday unfortunately missed the most important area vic OBERSEEBACH-TRIMBACH-SEEBACH, but it did reveal unknown strength vic WISSEMBOURG and WINZENBACH (2737). Available evidence indicates at least two divisions of artys plus an additional 6 to 8 bns in support in the WISSEMBOURG-SELTZ area alone.

Shellrep Total: 72

45 Div	79 Div	14 Armd	17 Gp	6 Gp	35 Gp	2 FOB	93 AFA Bn
9	14	19	13	4	3	9	1

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## b. Changes to Enemy Btry List #21.

### 1. Additions:

Conc No	Coords	Acc	Source	No/Type
8345 LO	8308-4532	A	AP-13 Jan,	3/Lt
1348 UJ	1399-4895	A	AP-14 Jan	3/Med
1348 UL	1317-4865	A	AP-14 Jan	5/Lt
1447 UB	1444-4783	A	AP-14 Jan	4/HAA
1449 UF	1444-4912	A	AP-14 Jan	4/Lt
1545 UE	1538-4560	A	AP-14 Jan	3/Lt
1646 UI	1660-4667	A	AP-14 Jan	3/Med
1646 UH	1685-4670	A	AP-14 Jan	4/HAA-DP
1647 UC	1693-4743	A	AP-14 Jan	4/Lt
1746 UG	1743-4623	A	AP-14 Jan	3/Med
1935 LP	1982-3513	B	PW	2/83 or 105
2043 VX	2045-4385	A	AP-14 Jan	4/HAA
2537 VL	2572-3745	A	AP-14 Jan	6/HAA
2627 VG	2574-2791	A	AP-14 Jan	1/-
2627 VH	2699-2749	A	AP-14 Jan	1/Lt
2633 VI	2649-3315	A	AP-14 Jan	4/Lt
2637 VK	2607-3757	A	AP-14 Jan	1/-
2637 VJ	2670-3775	A	AP-14 Jan	3/Lt
2839 VO	2839-3909	A	AP-14 Jan	4/HAA
3141 UA	3124-4180	A	AP-14 Jan	4/HAA
3242 VW	3289-4260	A	AP-14 Jan	4/HAA
3341 VU	3310-4125	A	AP-14 Jan	4/HAA

### 2. Amendments:

1942 JF to read 2042 JP #1	2008-4203	A	AP-14 Jan	1/Lt
#2	2005-4232	A	"	1/Lt
2134 LE to read 2134 LB	2143-3431	A	A	4/HAA

### 3. Deletions:

1441 KN	1448 JS	1943 KE
1441 KM	1541 KQ	
1448 JR	1546 JH	

### 4. Suspect List #21-1 (Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location):

1485-4235	1/75 AT	PW
8498-4590	3/AA?	976 AOP
794-423	-/-	PW
760-417	6/SP	PW

Sound was again actively engaged in trying to locate the hvy guns shelling HAGUENAU, and their efforts were rather successful in that they made a location at 2600-0116. In view of the fact that there is a RR spur in this vic, this new location renders plausible the supposition that the ey is shuttling his precious RR gun (or guns) between these two points. Unless they choose a new firing position tonight, we expect to be able to counter with some of our own heavy medecine.

A total of 25 locations were made, one of which was corroborated by a reliable PW source.

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS:

Arty was active during the period and FO's were able to turn in many observed missions. Both Corps and Div Arty fired close in defensive fires in support of the inf.

35 Gp AOP spotted a horse drawn column in the 8242 sq and adjusted the 995 FA Bn on the target. 2 rds were target hits on the column and excellent effect was obtained.

976 FA Bn was fired by its AOP on 2 SPs in the 8445 sq. The observer reported that 2 rds hit one of the SPs and that the fire for effect covered the area.

The fire of the Bns of 6 FA Gp was hvy during the period with missions on tanks, counterbattery and three observed missions on personnel.

Harassing fire was placed on assembly areas and ey lines of communication. M-12s attached to 634 FA Bn destroyed a tower in RITTERSHOFFEN and secured 12 to 14 hits on a pillbox. On the fire on the pillbox, visibility prevented ascertaining the damage done.

b. Summary of Missions:

(1) Div Arty:

Type	12 ADA		14 ADA		45 IDA		79 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB				2	4	4		
Per	4		16		56	48	14	7
Veh			2					4
MC&Mor	1					12		3
Prop			16		9	10		
Armor	8	64				6	1	8
Def Fire			27				1	13
Har		63		47	7	75	1	78
Reg	1				24			
Misc	2	1	1	67				33
Prop				2	4			1
Totals	16	128	46	135	104	115	17	147

(2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		17 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 FAB	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		38			1	11	1	6		6
Per	3	5			1				5	
Veh									3	
Armor		5							4	
Har		68				39		29		42
Reg							2			
Misc		33					1	1	3	4
Dest					1					
Totals	3	149			1	50	4	36	15	52

AOP Missions: 3

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Forward elements of the Corps are reported as follows:

Q753-410, Q762-398, Q765-387, Q773-384, Q777-387, Q788-388, Q804-375, Q805-386, Q812-394, Q817-393, Q826-382, Q837-387, Q834-404, Q852-416, Q862-429, Q891-437, Q925-446, Q940-434, Q970-441, R001-440, R015-446, R050-445, R100-440, R150-400, R165-386, R175-365, R178-337, R180-323, R200-288, R215-283, R224-253, R202-236, R186-212, R160-183, R125-174, R089-120, R090-085.

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CONC NO	COORDINATE	ACC	SOURCE	NO/TYPE
2134 IM	2186-3482	B	PW	3/Med
2213 UY	2283-1329	A	AP - 15 Jan	4/Lt
2213 UZ	2279-1345	A	AP - 15 Jan	4/Lt
2234 LN	2250-3420	B	PW	3/Med
2315 TA	2343-1584	A	AP - 15 Jan	4/- *
2334 LL	2330-3410	B	PW, 2 FOB-S	3/Med
2415 LQ	2465-1542	B	2 FOB-S	1/-
2718 TD	2709-1889	A	AP - 15 Jan	4/Lt or Med

\* In casemate

## (2) Amendments:

8243 HJ to read	8243 HJ	8269-4348	A	AP-15 Jan	4/M
8245 KZ to read	8245 KZ	8278-4517	A	AP-15 Jan	4/Lt
8345 LO to read	8345 LO	8325-4520	A	AP-15 Jan	4/Lt
8442 LB to read	8442 LB	8400-4283	A	AP-15 Jan	4/M?
8446 HE to read	8446 HE	8445-4619	A	AP-15 Jan	3/Lt
8446 HK to read	8545 HK	8520-4662	A	AP-15 Jan	4/M?
8545 HS to read	8545 HS	8566-4549	A	AP-15 Jan	2/SP
1348 UJ to read	1348 UJ	1399-4895	A	AP-15 Jan	4/Lt
1934 KT to read	1934 KT	1938-3420	B	AOP, PW	-/88
1942 KD to read	1942 KD	1980-4220	A	AP-14 Jan	1/-

## (3) Deletions:

1357 GZ	1646 UI	1816 KI	3228 JQ
1513 KV	1746 UG	1909 KP	
		2012 KW	
		2315 JU	

Of 33 sound locations received, 26 were in the bridgehead sector. This combined with good photo coverage in that area gives a fair idea of enemy strength opposing us there. In the WISSEMBOURG-SELTZ area sound was not very successful today, most of the 7 locations in this area being those of close-in SP's. Two RR-gun locations were spotted on Air Photos by blast marks left on the snow by the firing guns - one at 2425-0312 and one at 2891-1028. The guns, of course, were not there. Photos also confirmed 3 old sound locations across the RHINE River.

(4) Suspect List #21-2 (Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location):-

875-454	4/105	PW
833-433	-/-	PW
2456-4065	1/-	2 FOB-S
1972-4100	2/Lt	2 FOB-S

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS

a. Arty was active during the period. A preparation was fired for the attack of the 12 Armd and a counterbattery program was fired as part of the program.

Visibility was generally good during the period and AOP's were able to operate during the period but were neutralized intermittently by hostile aircraft.

35 Gp AOP spotted a gun in the Q8142 sq and adjusted 17 FA Bn on the target. Fire for effect covered the area and for added effect 4 rds of POZIT Fuze were fired after the plane had left the area. 35 Gp AOP also adjusted 17 FA Bn on a tank. When the firing started the tank moved away and out of observation, so fire was shifted to two trucks on the road, both of which were hit and one was seen burning.

995 FA Bn AOP adjusted his Bn on a bridge at Q821426 and 6 hits were obtained on the approaches.

36 AOP fired his Bn on enemy battery in R1938 sq and reported the area well covered.

An observer of 93 AFA Bn fired the 938 FA Bn on a house reported to be a CP. A direct hit on the building was reported and an adjusting rd hit another house nearby which caused an explosion.

995 FA Bn was adjusted on Nebels by AOP and reported effect good.

(1) Div Arty:

Type	12 ADA		14 ADA		45 IDA		79 IDA		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB					2	4		1		
Per	19		7		59	17	14	8		
Veh	1		6		3	1		2		
MG & Mor	10	1	2		5	3	1	1		
Prep		107						16		
Armor	2		2	2			6	2		
Def Fire				26			2	8		
Har	1	10		22	6	120		37		5
Reg	3		5		30		3		5	
Misc	7		6	3			3	23		
Prop				5						
TOTAL	43	118	28	58	105	145	29	98	5	5

(2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	2	37	3	11		21	2	8
Per							9	3
Veh			2				1	
Prep								53
Armor			1				5	
Def Fires							3	6
Har		63		14		22		18
Reg	8				1			
Misc		7			1		13	1
Dest								
TOTAL	12	107	7	25	2	43	33	89

AOP Missions - 18

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Forward elements of the Corps are reported as follows:

Q753410; Q762398; Q765387; Q773384; Q777387; Q788388; Q804375; Q805386; Q812394;  
 Q817393; Q826382; Q837387; Q834404; Q852416; Q862429; Q891437; Q925446; Q940434;  
 Q970441; R001440; R015446; R050445; R100440; R150400; R165386; R175365; R178337;  
 R180323; R200288; R215283; R224253; R202236; R186212; R089120; R090085; R160183;  
 R125174.

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Ey continued his hvy pressure on the Corps N front and resisted from well camouflaged positions in the bridgehead area. Our troops encountered stiff opposition in the house to house fighting in RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533). Our troops on the W flank maintained close contact with the ey. Est 200 ey Inf supported by 4 to 8 tanks attacked SESSINGHEIM (R-1822) and were repulsed by 1500A. Our attack on HERRLISHEIM progressed satisfactorily with our troops occupying 2/3 of the town.

Ey remained alert to all movement in the WILDENGUTH-REIPERTSWILLER sector, strongly opposing our efforts to advance toward hill vic Q802390. There was some ey infiltration reported vic Q-810389 and a small group of ey was reported vic Q-818383. CLIMBACH R-0846 was reported clear.

The situation remained generally the same in the RITTERSHOFFEN-HATTEN area with bitter house to house fighting in both towns. Ey was reported using tanks camouflaged with white sheets. An estimated 6 ey tanks were Ko'd during the period. Ey occupied ROESCHWOOG R-2225 after forcing our outposts from town and ey was reported receiving reinforcements from FT. LOUIS.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. The lively attitude exhibited by the enemy artillery yesterday continued during this period, with the right center sector still receiving the larger amount of the shelling, though artillery fire also increased in the 45th Div sector. Based on shellreps the bridgehead sector remained generally quiet, except for harassing fire. Another very active night saw the usual moderate harassing fire in the HOFFEN-HATTEN area, but differed in that this type of fire increased in the area N and NW of HUNSPACH, also in the CB fire of all calibers, including 170mm, in the INGWILLER-ZINSWILLER region. HAGUENAU-BISCHWILLER sector was again the target for 280mm RR guns across the river. Apparently the CB program for the attack of the 14 AD in the HATTEN area was effective, despite necessarily low expenditure of ammunition, for no shellreps were received between 0645A and 1000A except one 35 round concentration. Except for occasional 10-20 round harassing concentrations the morning was in most sectors moderately active, though 150 rounds fell on infantry NE of LICHTENBERG, and another 100 rounds med cal fell vic RIPERTSWILLER at 1155A. The afternoon, however, brought more frequent shelling, both in the ALTHORN-REIPERTSWILLER sector and in the HOFFEN-RITTERSHOFFEN area. Between 1500A and 1630A a total of 300 rounds fell vic LEITERSWILLER. Again photos taken yesterday failed to cover the vitally important OBERSEEBACH-TRIMBACH area, but the NIEDEROEDERN-EBERBACH area was covered and yielded eight new locations, which from shellrep evidence, indicates that considerably more strength must be located in the former area. Successive photo coverage of the bridgehead shows that almost all of its artillery support is located along a general line 4000 yards E of the river, which suggests only a defensive deployment sited to defend the present perimeter.

Shellrep total: 132

45 Div	79 Div	6 Gp	2 MOB	35 Gp	14 AD	103 Div	33 Brig	Misc
44	25	19	15	11	11	3	1	3

b. Changes to EB List #21

(1) Additions:

CONC NO.	COORDS	ACC	SOURCE	NO./TYPE
7843 H4X	7886-4326	B	XV C AOP	2/-
8147 LX #1	8124-4752	A	AP-15 Jan	1/-
#2	8132-4760	A	AP-15 Jan	1/-
#3	8146-4768	A	AP-15 Jan	1/-
8445 J4F	8489-4597	A	AP-15 Jan	3/Lt
9050 TZ	9061-5045	A	AP-16 Jan	3/Med
2134 TY	2170-3455	A	AP-16 Jan	2/Lt

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## (1) Additions (Cont'd)

CONC NO.	COORDS	ACC	SOURCE	NO./TYPE
2234 SA	2245-3473	A	AP-15 Jan	2/Lt
2234 SG	2286-3434	A	AP-16 Jan	2/Lt
2331 LW	2383-3106	B	2 FOB-S	1/-
2334 SH	2305-3430	A	AP-16 Jan	4/HAA
2335 SB	2311-3500	A	AP-16 Jan	4/Lt
2336 SD	2360-3545	A	AP-16 Jan	3/Lt
2336 SE	2359-3560	A	AP-16 Jan	3/Lt
2435 SC	2413-3573	A	AP-16 Jan	2/Lt
2634 SF	2616-3447	A	AP-16 Jan	4/Lt

## (2) Amendments

8342 LA to read 8342 LA	(8348-4260 8374-4260)	A A	AP-15 Jan AP-15 Jan	2/Lt 2/Lt
2635 VE to read 2635 VE	2695-3500	A	AP-16 Jan	4/HAA
3341 VU to read 3341 VU	—	—	—	6/HAA

## (3) Deletions

8345 LO	8950 WA	2436 JK	2637 VM
8442 LB	9050 JW	2537 VL	3228 WT
8446 HK	2134 LE	2633 VI	3242 VW

## (4) Suspect List #21-3 (Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location).

170-397                      79 Rcn                      3-6/88

Sound was only moderately active with 9 locations reported, 6 of which were across the RHINE. On the NE sector, 2234 SA was confirmed, as well as a LAA btry located on photos and undoubtedly used in a close support role.

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Numerous observed missions were fired on ey personnel by forward observers and the fire was very effective against ey counterattacks. The extremely poor visibility prevented the effective operation of the AOP's.

The Div Artys and Corps Arty again fired an extensive harassing program on the ey road net, assembly areas, and CP's during the night. The arty fired many unobserved missions on ey batteries over the Corps front in an effort to relieve the ey arty fire on our units.

Two horse drawn guns at 2134-2438 were fired on by the 242 FA Bn and the ground observer who adjusted the fire reported that the fire for effect knocked out one of the guns.

In an attack of 4 tanks and infantry, two tanks were knocked out by the 242 FA Bn and the infantry dispersed. Also, this Bn used 'ricochet' fire on an enemy platoon with many casualties observed. Continuing its effective support, a lt gun which was firing on our infantry was neutralized by the 242nd with observed fire.

14 Armd Div reports 3 tanks knocked out by massed arty fire.

17 FA Group and 93 AFA Bn were relieved of attachment to VI Corps during the period.

## b. Summary of Missions

### (1) Div Artys:

Type	12 ADA		14 ADA		45 IDA		79 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	5	4	3	5		5		4
Per	50	19	12	6	23	5	10	23
Veh			5	4				1
MG & Mor		1		2	2		1	3
Prep		35		6	1			5
Armor	1	21	1	1	1	1	7	4
Def Fires			1	28				3
Har	2	15		56	2	68		24
Reg	1		4		7		2	
Misc	8		2	7			7	28
TOTAL	67	95	28	115	36	79	27	95

## (2) Corps Arty

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 FAB	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		34		19		16		3
Per		6	1				35	4
Veh							1	
MG & Mor							1	
Prep								11
Armor		1					3	
Def Fires								2
Har		48		18		23		
Misc	2		1				5	
	2	89	1	37		39	45	20

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Forward elements of the Corps are reported as follows:

Q753410, Q763395, Q768384, Q789388, Q794383, Q813394, Q827380, Q833404,  
 Q862428, Q895443, Q912438, Q925446, Q940434, Q970441, R001440, R015446,  
 R100440, R150400, R175365, R175335, R173303, R214283, R200237, R185223,  
 R160182, R125144, R112105.

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Ey continued his aggressive attitude using infiltration tactics. On Corps W flank it was vic Q-818388 and on right flank the town of SESSENHEIM R-1822. RITTERSHOFFEN-HATTEN area was generally quiet until 0630A when an attack of inf supported by 1 tank was repulsed. The town of HERRLISHEIM R-1214 was again in ey hands.

Ey infiltrated to Q-817387 and dug himself in while continuing hvy pressure on forward elements. 36 Engrs continued improving defensive line on E slopes of hill Q-835401 to Q-835398. Our patrols engaged ey vic Q-760403 and a 5-man patrol at Q-759408 at 1405A.

Ey attack on BOIS DE SESSENHEIM R-1720 succeeded in capturing most of the woods. Estimated 3 Cos inf were reported crossing river vic R-178203 at 1645A. Four ey tanks and a great deal of ey activity was observed in ROESCHWOOG R-2225. At R-159340 12 to 15 ey tanks were observed and taken under arty fire leaving 3 smoking. Ey attack on HATTEN at 1545A was stopped by arty.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Ey arty activity declined somewhat during this period, due principally to considerable reduction in shelling in the HOFFEN sector, though a noticeable increase occurred in the 45th sector, and to a lesser extent in the bridgehead area. For the first time since fighting started in the right sector, the ey arty was less active there, both in frequency of fire and ammunition expended, than in the 45th sector. During the night possible CB fire of moderate concentrations fell in the ROTHBACH-MUHLHAUSEN area and inf vic WILDENGUTH and LICHTENBERG were harassed. The HOFFEN-HUNSPACH area was intermittently harassed, but in the bridgehead sector, after midnight ROHRWILLER and HERRLISHEIM each received 100 rd concentrations besides earlier moderate concentrations, and in the case of the latter town, proved to be neutralization fire preceding the ey attack. ROHRWILLER was hit again with 50 rds at 1050A, but inf elements NE of REIPERTSWILLER received several moderate concentrations accompanying an ey C/A, while the HOFFEN area received comparatively light fire.

In the afternoon, except for 60 rds mixed caliber between 1520 and 1540A on RITTERSHOFFEN, the bulk of the shelling fell on 45 Div elements in the ALTHORN-WILDENGUTH-REIPERTSWILLER region, including a 100 rd concentration that fell between 1710A and 1730A vic 81-38. The increasing activity in the 45th sector may be an indication of renewed offensive action in this area, designed to reduce the resistance the ey has encountered in the HOFFEN-HATTEN area.

Shellrep Total: 94

45 Div	79 Div	14 AD	2 FOB	33 Brig	103 Div	6 Gp	Misc
35	18	12	11	6	2	6	4

b. Changes to Enemy Btry List #21:

1. Additions:

Conc No	Coords	Acc	Source	No/Type
1541 KQ	1562-4145	B	2 FOB-S	2-3/-
2436 LY	2410-3653	A	AP-16 Jan	2-3/Lt
2436 LZ	2455-3610	A	" "	3/Lt
2537 MA	2578-3725	A	" "	1/Lt

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## 2. Amendments:

1938 LT to read 1938 LT 1915-3848 B 6 AOP -/-

## 3. Deletions:

7843 H4X

4. Suspect List #21-4 (Locations of doubtful accuracy and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location):

153-426	1/-	2 FOB-F
125-465	-/Lt	PW
152-473	3/88	PW

All seven sound locations reported during the period were of guns in the bridgehead sector. Flash made a weak attempt to spot guns in the haze, but the best they could do were four locations of 300 yds accuracy or less.

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Improving visibility during the day increased the number of observed missions. Air and ground observers fired effective missions on tanks, personnel and ey btry's.

194 FA Bn continued its battle with the German armor and upon the completion of four observed missions reported three tanks knocked out with two other probably disabled.

36 FA Bn AOP adjusted his Bn on six ey btrys while on one flight during the late afternoon and neutralized them effectively.

194 FA Bn was adjusted on an ey btry (probably 1545 UE) causing large explosion in the btry area and destroying house by gun posn.

698 FA Bn was adjusted on a pillbox in the 1834 sq and secured 4 target hits with T105 fuze. A large hole was reported in the top of the pillbox.

6 FA Gp AOP adjusted 634 on ey gun flashes in 1938 sq. Area was well covered and a fire started in posn.

59 and 242 FA Bns fired effect close support missions. Several hits on ey armor were reported with 1 tank probably disabled.

Div Arty FOs completed many successful missions on personnel.

## b. Summary of Missions Fired:

### (1) Div Arty:

Type	12 ADA		14 ADA		45 Div		79 Div		103 Div	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	1	2	1		1	4	1	3		
Per	25	17	24		34	5	15	5	3	3
Veh	1		1		4		1			
MG & Mor	4	2	1		3		2	2	5	
Prep					6	15				
Armor	2	1	1		1		4			
Def Fire							1	2		
Har		14		7		19		4		2
Reg	2		6		14		7		9	
Misc	10	2	8				1	3		
Prop		1		4						
Totals	45	39	42	11	63	73	32	19	17	5

### (2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	8	9		17		10	3	2
Per			1			3	11	1
MG & Mor					1		5	
Prep								9
Armor	4						4	
Har		29		16		24		
Reg	6				4		4	
Misc							2	1
Dest	2						1	
Totals	20	38	1	33	5	37	30	13

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SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Camouflage of arty positions is becoming more important daily with the static situation and the increase of ey air activity. Materiel already on hand can be successfully used as shown by the 976 FA Bn. Lacking the necessary white paint and canvas they used old mattress covers which were cut into strips and woven into GMC camouflage nets. This not only had the same effect but added little additional weight to the net.

Forward elements of the Corps are reported as follows:

Q-753410; Q-768384; Q-789388; Q-805388; Q-818394; Q-834400; Q-862429; Q-895443;  
Q-925448; Q-970441; R-015447; R-066443; R-099440; R-110430; R-150400; R-175365;  
R-180336; R-215285; R-200245; R-203238; R-173210; R-164203; R-114105.

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1. Use of Non-Combatant Identification Credentials by German Intelligence Service

a. Operating with the US Armies on the field today are a number of non-combatant personnel (War Correspondents, American Red Cross Workers and Technical Observers) who possess certain credentials different from those possessed by officers and enlisted men of the US Army. It is entirely plausible that the German Intelligence Service will utilize the credentials of non-combatants who are captured to infiltrate agents into our lines. This is a natural as far as the enemy is concerned and he will not pass up the opportunity to use non-combatant credentials as a means of identification if only for the reason that US troops might be unfamiliar with these types of credentials.

b. The best counter-measure for this contingency is for all troops to be particularly suspicious of anyone who falls into the non-combatant category, by referring to CIC any individuals who cannot be positively identified as such.

c. The following information has been made available regarding War Correspondents attached to the Third US Army and are now German Prisoners of War:

(1) The following named War Correspondents are now German prisoners of War:

(a) BEATTIE, Edward W. Jr.  
United Press  
SHAFT Registry No. 090

(b) BRYAN, Wright  
Atlanta Journal  
SHAFT Registry No. 212

(2) The following named War Correspondents have been German prisoners of war, and it is presumed that copies of their original credentials are now in the possession of the enemy:

(a) GOSSET, Pierre  
Agence Francaise  
SHAFT Registry No. 505

(b) MAILLAUD, Pierre  
Agence Francaise Presse  
SHAFT Registry No. 474

(c) MCGOWAN, Gault  
New York Sun  
SHAFT Registry No. (not known)

(d) MECKLIN, John  
Chicago Sun  
SHAFT Registry No. 199

(e) RABACHE, ANDRE  
Agence Francaise Presse  
SHAFT Registry No. (not known)

d. CIC Detachments should disseminate the above information to all agents so as to have this information available in the event an enemy agent is picked up masquerading as a non-combatant and using any of the above names of credentials.

2. Security of Countersigns.

a. First US Army reports that German patrols dressed in American uniforms are securing U.S. countersigns on a daily basis.

b. The importance of maintaining the security of countersigns cannot be over-emphasized. Upon being challenged for the password, the person so challenged should demand the reply if the slightest question exists regarding the identity of the challenger.

(Source: Third US Army G-2 Report No. 217)

3. Explanations and Alibis Furnished by the Enemy Agents.

Since the landing, the explanations or alibis furnished by captured enemy agents are extremely simple. Enemy agents have avoided complicated stories and have followed the theory that the simpler an explanation is, the more likely it is to be accepted.

Complicated stories are subject to a detailed interrogation and the enemy agent is apt to betray himself.

Following are examples of explanations offered:

- (1) Search for parents in liberated territory.
- (2) Search for supplies to be carried to a location where the supply is very difficult.
- (3) Former worker in the Organization TODT.
- (4) Escape from forced labor.
- (5) Desire to surrender to the Allies.

Errors committed by enemy agents:

- (1) Several among them, operating singly, were captured carrying identical objects, for example, butter in jars.
- (2) An agent was carrying a falsified identity card dated January 1943. Unfortunately for him, he had in his possession other copies of the identification photograph dated March 1944.
- (3) The identity cards were filled in with German handwriting.

(Source: 1st French Air Corps, Information Bulletin 8 Jan)

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

After a long period out of contact elements of the 10th SS Pz Div were identified in a limited offensive on ROHRWILLER R-1217 at 2400A. A strong ey patrol was dispersed while attempting to probe our positions vic Q-808388. Ey launched a strong attack on HATTEN R-1733 at 0800A from E which was renewed at 1200A and repulsed without loss of ground by 1530A.

Our troops on the left flank continued to improve positions and maintained aggressive patrols to locate ey positions. 80 ey on Hill 403 Q-835404 had mission to defend hill and protect flank of attacking SS unit to SW. A news broadcast to the German people: "The ring around the encircled American troops N of REIPERTSWILLER is tightening". Monitored by I.P.W.

Enemy traffic reported hvy between HERRLISHEIM R-1214 and BRUSENHEIM R-1618 also between WISSEMBOURG R-1548 to RIEDSELTZ R-1543 to OBERSEEBACH R-1840. Ey continued sensitive to our movement in RITTERSHOFFEN R-1534. Ey moved out of church but retained strong point in adjacent buildings. 12th AD Div reports 15 to 20 tanks attacked along road from HERRLISHEIM R-1214 toward WEYERSHEIM and then fanning out.

Ten of the tanks were reported knocked out by arty fire.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. Though little change occurred in the moderate degree of enemy artillery activity, today the trend, quite noticeable yesterday, became even more pronounced, that is, the weight of the enemy arty effort shifted even more from the HOFFEN area, to the 45th Div sector, particularly the area NE of REIPERTSWILLER. Some increase occurred in the bridgehead sector also, but the largest portion of the shelling was directed into the 45th Div sector. ROHRWILLER was the target two rather heavy concentrations (50-100) rounds) during the night, but otherwise shelling was lighter and more scattered than usual. Except for moderate concentrations vic REIMERSWILLER (1035), WEYERSHEIM (0613), S of HATTEN, and in REIPERTSWILLER, the morning was also fairly quiet. Around noon, however, supplementing his arty with rockets and mortars, the enemy opened up with a series of preparation and neutralization fires, the heaviest falling at 1320A, 1335A, and 1435A, with an estimated total of 400 rounds landing between 1430A and 1530A vic 8138. The 8137 and 8238 areas were the hardest hit, with other concentrations reported vic WILDENGUTH, REIPERTSWILLER, and PHILLIPSBOURG. WEYERSHEIM received 50 to 60 rounds light caliber between 1220A and 1235A. The HOFFEN RITTERSHOFFEN area received only occasional 20-40 harassing concentrations in the afternoon. Stopped in the HATTEN area, the enemy is now evidently pressing hard in the BITCHE salient, while at the same time seeking to make contact with and enlarge his bridgehead on our right flank. Rather than keep his artillery strength inactive in the OBERSEEBACH-TRIMBACH area it would not be surprising if the enemy side-slips artillery units S through SELTZ under cover of the present bad weather to support his attack in this sector, though at present the slight activity reported does not indicate considerable strength there as yet.

Shellrep total: 108.

79 Div	45 Div	103 Div	14 AD	33 Brig	2 FOB	6 Gp	35 Gp	405 Gp
31	34	14	4	12	4	3	4	2

b. Changes to EB list #21

(1) Additions:

CONC NO.	COORDS	ACC	SOURCE	NO./TYPE
1547 MB	1545-4780	B	PW, AOP	-/-
1668 MD	1623-4860	A	2 FOB-F	1/-
1840 MC	1862-4013	B	PW	-/-

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- (2) Suspect List #21-5 (Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location).

161-408.	79 GOP	1/-
1614-3345	PW	1/88
222-341	PW	15/88
2280-4005	PW	-/-
2265-3955	PW	-/-
2225-3935	PW	-/-
2210-3936	PW	-/-
1757-4372	698 GOP	1/Med?
075-471	103 GOP	1/Med?
1916-5496	2 FOB-F	1/Hy?

The only sound location received was a confirmation of 2038 JZ. Flash netted a new location - 1648 MD - as well as a suspect one of a possible heavy gun. Also, a location was made in the bridgehead sector. Ground OP's were active, confirmations of 1841 KR, 1934 KT and 1541 KQ having been obtained. With five confirmations in as many days. KT seems to be one of the most active batteries on the front.

AP interpretation disclosed two unidentified clusters of objects in the area immediately North of EBERRACH 247-368 and 248-364. Their disposition suggests some LAA or searchlight grouping. Reports of any searchlight activity in the area would be appreciated.

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. The Div Arty continued to fire many observed and unobserved missions on ey personnel. Also a light harassing program was fired in their respective division sectors.

194 FA Bn was adjusted by a 975 F forward observer on ey tanks at 1247-1462. Fired 45 rds with one tank destroyed and two left burning. This Bn knocked out another tank at 1041-1416 with one round during the afternoon.

698 FA Bn was adjusted on a pillbox at 1798-3425. Fired 17 rounds with two direct hits reported and one round which was over target destroyed a truck.

194 FA Bn fired 31 observed rounds on a bridge at 1892-3479 and approaches hit and bridge made impassable.

634 FA Bn fired on 3 SP's with 50 rds at 1835-4158. Excellent effect was reported with two large flashes.

59, 242 and 975 FA Bns fired observed missions on tanks in the RHINE bridgehead area with one reported destroyed and several others damaged.

The 12 ADA reports 10 ey tanks destroyed during the period and the 312 FA Bn also reported two destroyed.

The Corps Arty fired a harassing program over the Corps front during the night. In an effort to relieve the shelling in the 45 Div sector a counter-battery program consisting of 20 locations was fired during the afternoon.

### b. Summary of Missions:

#### (1) Div Arty:

Type	12 ADA		14 ADA		45 IDA		79 IDA		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB			1			14	4			1
Per			33	37	28	5	17	9	6	
Veh				3				1	1	1
MG & Mor			1	1	5	5	2	4	5	
Prep						4		1		
Armor			1	1			7	2		
Def Fire				2				7	2	
Har				5		41	5	6		19
Reg			6		10		2		6	
Misc			7	3			3	7		
Prop			2	8	1			3		
			51	60	44	69	40	40	20	21

## (2) Corps Arty

	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 FAB	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	3	13		38	2	24	2	
Per		5					15	2
Veh							8	
MG & Mor							2	
Prep								13
Armor	2	2					5	
Har		42		8		26		5
Reg			1		1		5	
Misc		8					7	8
Dist	3						1	
	8	70	1	46	3	50	45	28

AOP Missions: None.

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Forward elements of the Corps are reported at the following points:

Q-763401, Q-768385, Q-805388, Q-838408, Q-862428, Q-895442, Q-913438, Q-925447,  
 Q-946433, Q-970441, R-015447, R-110440, R-150400, R-175365, R-180335, R-173303,  
 R-203288, R-215282, R-203236, R-170219, R-165205, R-157183, R-110150, R-0680117.

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Ey maintained his strong resistance over the Corps front. On the Corps left flank, it consisted of hvy M/G fire on our troops' flanks. Ey maintained pressure in the bridgehead, DRUSENHEIM and BOIS DE RUNTZENHEIM area. Ey attack vic 092144 at 0630A was repulsed.

Ey remained defensive in the 45th Div sector. Main ey activity was arty, mortar fire on our forward elements. No aggressive action was shown by ey in the N flank during the period. There was some tks and inf activity in DRUSENHEIM. Resistance remained stiff on the Corps left flank, but was scattered over the remainder of the Corps front.

Activity at the close of the period was principally the ey opposition in the BITCHE salient which received arty and mortar fire. Ey inf and tks were heard vic DRUSENHEIM. 36 Div reported ey inf movement on their front and six tanks vic R099120.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY

Considerable reduction occurred in ey arty activity during the period, despite a rather lively night, for the daytime firing was hardly a quarter of the past week's daily average, due, in all likelihood to the German's dislike for unobserved missions, which is all that snow and poor visibility would permit today. Early in the evening our positions in the MERKWILLER - SURBOURG areas were counterbattered by light, medium, and hvy calibers, though concentrations were light. 100 to 200 rounds of arty, mortar and rocket fire fell on 45 Div Inf NE of REIPERTSWILLER between 2010A and 2020A, and 40-50 rds fell in the WINGEN area, with lighter harassing fires scattered in the ALTHORN - LICHTENBERG region. ROHRWILLER was reported to have received a few hvy concentrations during the night, but the HUNSPACH - HOFFEN area drew only two moderate shellings, with harassing fire very light. Except for 30 rounds lt. cal. vic 1736, shelling in this latter area during the day was rare, and most of the fire was directed into the 45th Div sector, especially in the area NE of REIPERTSWILLER, where besides occasional harassing fires, our forces received, moderate shelling in the afternoon, requiring the presence of a combat groupment which has been

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Further indications of ey infiltrating our forward elements by donning American uniforms was reported by two men of the 411th Inf. While sleeping in fox holes vic R-1621 the men were attacked by two ey soldiers dressed in American uniform at approximately 201700A. Ey stripped the men to their underwear and took their dog tags then blind folded them and told them they would be shot if they moved. Two more ey then came forward and put on the American uniform, the four then left going towards the NE. The names of the two men were JORDAN and CORRABIT.

Contact with ey continued on Corps flanks but there was no activity on N Central front. On Corps left flank ey remained alert to our patrols and fire fights developed vic Q-767394 and Q-762401. On Corps right flank at approximately 1200A 15 ey tanks plus undetermined number of Inf and half tracks made a demonstration between the woods at R-0815 and R-0914. At the same time 12 ey tanks plus Inf was observed moving toward WEYERSHEIM R-0512 from R-087120.

PW states that small ey patrols are attempting to find weak spots in our lines and if found the entire 10 SS Pz Div and a VG Div would attempt to drive through.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Due to lack of observation caused by adverse weather and our displacement, enemy arty activity showed a further decrease over the light activity of the previous period. Arty action during the night was limited to fairly heavy harassing fires on KURTZENHAUSEN 0515 and vic 0815 just before midnight. The forward elements of the 45th Div drew light and scattered fire prior to noon from 88's and 105's including one 20 rd concentration in the REIPERTSWILLER area. Between 1350 and 1405 INGWILLER 8130 was harassed by 88's and 105's. Intermittent concentrations of 3 to 8 rds of 150 cal fell in REIPERTSWILLER for the rest of the afternoon. At the close of the period our inf vic WILDENGUTH 7837 received 22 rds of 75mm and REIPERTSWILLER caught 25 rds from 3 105's. The BAERENTHAL area was again responsible for the majority of the activity on the Corps front with the erstwhile bridgehead area furnishing the only other activity except for a civilian report that the enemy was shelling SOULTZ 1137 and SURBOURG 0834 during the afternoon.

Shellrep total: 18

45 Div: 14

103 Div: 4

Sound and Flash: NTR.

SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Arty was active today in sector of the 36 Div but firing was generally light over the remainder of the Corps front. Following the general displacements, brief periods of good visibility were utilized for registration and observed missions.

36 Div Arty fired effective missions on tanks and infantry. 155 FA Bn was adjusted on tanks and half tracks in the R0914 sq by AOP and reported 3 tanks knocked out. 132 FA Bn fired an observed mission on tanks at another point and reported one tank burning and 2 others disabled.

493 AFA Bn, while firing an observed mission on infantry vic bridge R069121, had a round hit the bridge which apparently detonated a demolition charge which destroyed the bridge.

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b. Summary of missions fired:

(1) Div Arty:

	36 IDA		45 IDA		79 IDA		103 IDA		14 ADA	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB				1						2
Per	Not		3							
Prep	Available		2							
Har				20		8		33		11
Reg			4		7		1			
TOTAL			9	21	7	8	1	33		13

(2) Corps Arty

	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	2			2				
Per	1							
Armor		1						
Har		48						4
Reg	2		5				1	
Dest	2						1	
TOTAL	7	49	5	2	0	0	2	4

AOP Missions: 9

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Forward elements of Corps reported at following points:

Q760401, Q763390, Q773382, Q800390, Q813392, Q833380, Q841365, Q841358, (no contact reported) in 103 & 79 Div zone, withdraw accomplished according to plan) R102186, R093168, R073148, R054140, R050120.

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Although the ey remained generally quiet, he followed up closely our flank withdrawals and even infiltrated during the night behind outposts of 45 Div's screening force. During the day definite buildups were reported, chiefly by Air OPs, in the BARENTAL-ZINSWILLER (Q8935) area and vic OBERHOFFEN (R0920), although there was little actual contact on the Corps front.

In the afternoon 35 FA Group's AOP tracked a long column consisting of some armored vehicles, 20 or more prime movers towing light guns and many horsedrawn vehicles moving south from BARENTAL toward ZINSWILLER. Around CAMP DE OBERHOFFEN (R0822) and BOIS DE OBERHOFFEN (R0819), 79 Inf Div reported a steady buildup of infantry, tanks, horsedrawn artillery and AT guns. Further indications of action on the East flank were reports of a 15 man patrol vic R062247 at 1315A hours; 6 tanks vic R100204 at 1345A hours; 25 tanks vic R121131 at 1730A hours and many reports of reconnaissance vehicles between GAMBSHEIM (R1110) and ROHRWILLER (R1217).

At 1650A hours, 17 FA Bn's AOP reported a column of foot troops extending from Q890360 up road to Q854395 and a column of motor and horsedrawn vehicles extending along road from Q822425 through RANNSTEIN (Q8544) toward WALDECK (Q8446).

PW reported CP of 7 Para Div was located SCHIRHEIM (R1222) the morning of 22 Jan.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. In keeping with the slight infantry contact obtained during the period, enemy artillery fire was generally light and scattered. During the night GENDERHEIM (R0113) was lightly interdicted and forward infantry positions in the 45th Div sector drew sporadic harassing fire. Light concentrations, varying from 10 to 20 rounds, fell vicinity WEITERUCH (R0317) and in the woods at 08-15 at various times during the day. The lack of enemy artillery activity may be attributed to forward displacements now occurring, and some of them, reported as horse-drawn arty, were observed vic SCHIRHEIM (R1323) and in the CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN area. Except for our eastern flank and in the 45th sector, where batteries within range are already located, it is believed that many batteries will remain silent until the bulk of the enemy artillery has closed into position and offensive operations commence.

Shellrep total: 16

36 Div	79 Div	45th Div	33 Brig
3	2	1	10

b. Changes to EB List #21

(1) Deletions:

1514 LJ	1913 LI	2415 JT	3228 WS
1614 LH	1913 HP	2627 VG	3330 VF
1809 VQ	2113 UX	2627 VH	
1814 LG	2213 UY	2718 TD	
1909 VP	2213 UZ	3228 WT	

Sound & Flash: NTR.

SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. During the morning hours, in response to a request by 3 DIA, 6 Corps Arty fired on several locations of ey installations in the KILSTETT (R0908) area.

Improvement in visibility towards the latter part of the period brought a marked increase in observed missions fired during the day. AOPs were especially active for a few hours in the afternoon.

79 Div Arty AOP located an estimated 200 ey vehicles along S edge of woods in the R1021 sq. Arty fire was brought down on this area.

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194 FA Bn was adjusted on an assembly of tanks at R111134 by AOP from 36 Div Arty. One tank was knocked out, two were damaged, and the others were dispersed.

TOT's were later fired on this same area but results could not be determined.

17 FA Bn and 35 FA Gp AOP's located an ey motor column on the road NW from Q854395, where the head of the column was stopped. 976 FA Bn and 995 FA Bn were adjusted along the column. The road was bracketed in several places but no hits could be determined. After the AOP's were forced down by limited visibility POZIT fuze was fired along the road. A total of 134 rds plus harassing fire was placed on the target.

The bridge at R12331457 was damaged by 3 or 4 close rds fired by 698 FA Bn. The adjustment was made by 6 Gp AOP.

133 FA Bn reported 2 tks destroyed and several more probably destroyed or damaged by their fire during the day.

132 FA Bn fired POZIT fuze on ey inf forming for attack at R08681236. Excellent results were reported.

## b. Summary of Missions

### (1) Div Arty

Type	14 ADA		36 IDA		45 IDA		79 IDA		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB			1				1			
Per			42		3	2	12	8		4
Veh							8	2		
MP & Mor			2							
Armor			8				4	1		
Def Fire				12						
Har				16		37	1	11		
Reg	5		17		29		17		11	
Misc				31			3	7		
TOTAL	5		70	59	32	39	46	29	11	4

### (2) Corps Arty

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		2						
Per	2						1	
Veh			5				1	1
Armor	1	2					1	
Har		26		11				5
Reg	10		3		2		4	
Dest							1	
TOTAL	13	30	8	11	2		8	6

AOP Missions: 28

## SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Front Lines: No change.

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(Source: G-2 Report, Hq 103 Div, 20 Jan 1945)

A NEW MASTER'S VOICE

The following story is reproduced here as an impression of occupied Germany. The situations encountered are not necessarily conclusive but they present an insight into a country where it appears the people know no law except the law of force.

WE came into AACHEN a few hours after Colonel Wilck had surrendered with the last German soldiers in the RUETSCHERSTRASSE Bunker. It was a dead city with none of the grace which time-made ruins have. Everything pointed to a hurried exodus of a frightened, terrorized population. Stale beer was still in the glasses in a restaurant on KAISERPLATZ - the upper floors of the house had caved in. In a lawyer's apartment an aquarium stood on the windowsill, its plant life still going, but the fish had been killed by the concussion of explosions and floated beneath the surface of the water, their white bellies turned upward. A canary was busily looking for food among the sparrows of the street - the cage and the house in which it lived had been torn open. A dead German soldier lay underneath a blanket before the RUETSCHERSTRASSE Bunker, not far from the mutilated, bloated horses which, perhaps, he had tended.

We were looking for people. We wanted to talk to people. We wanted to find witnesses of the last days of AACHEN. We wanted more than that. We wanted to meet the German people again and see what changes they had undergone in the years of the preparation of the war, in the years of German victories, and in the long, long years of defeats. What was going on in their minds? What made them go on in spite of the fact that they were suffering acutely, that their armies were back approximately where they had started nearly six years ago-except that millions of men and billions of values had been destroyed within those years? Was it a desperate belief in ultimate victory? Belief in a man? Was it that they were caught on the joyride which they had started eleven years ago and could not jump off the wagon even if they wanted?

EVENTS in AACHEN at the time of the American ultimatum may supply a key to what is happening in Germany these days. Around the middle of September Count Schwerin, commander of a Panzer-Grenadier division which held the AACHEN sector, was convinced of the untenability of his position and wanted to declare AACHEN an open city. He was recalled, probably tried, and nobody knows his whereabouts.

Himmler appeared in AACHEN and announced the city would be held. Under no circumstances was it to be evacuated. One day later orders were changed and the Nazis attempted to evacuate the population. They supplied buses and some trains. Those who went with the buses and trains were dumped some 15 miles east of AACHEN on the open road and left to shift for themselves. News of this treatment traveled back fast. The remaining population hid in cellars, in wrecked houses, in bunkers and decided to stay in town in the hope that the American wave would roll on, pass them, and leave them in its wake.

But BERLIN had decided to make of AACHEN a test of strength. Perhaps the strategists dreamed of another STALINGRAD.

So, the authorities in AACHEN announced free distribution of bread and potatoes at specified points. The people came in droves; food was badly needed. Instead of potatoes and bread, SS and police waited for them.

Those who had fallen for the trick were kidnapped, forcibly loaded on trucks, shipped out and dumped in the fields some miles east of AACHEN. Yet, the people trickled back into their city. They had heard of the horrible existence of refugees on the road; some of them had experienced it themselves. A house, even a damaged one, gave them more chances for survival.

THAT was disagreeable for the rulers of AACHEN, because the rulers felt their own time had come to leave. They wanted to escape without too much of a scandal.

Hitler had said: "Hold out to the last man!" But the Gauleiter and his entourage, all the big and little party bosses, had no intention of holding out themselves. Furthermore, there was a lot of loot. Until 1944 the Nazis had always looted in foreign countries or from the Jews in their own. Looting had become a dear habit. Now they wanted to loot from their own people - the houses were mostly blasted open, it was easy to get in - but the people clung to their small possessions.



The people had to be out of the way.

The sirens went off - long and loud. Air-raid alarm. It was the biggest air-raid alarm ever given in AACHEN. The people went to the shelters and cellars. There were no Allied planes in the air, as the people were to find out.

During this alarm the Nazis left AACHEN, taking along all the food and tobacco ration tickets, piles of goods and their women.

Then came the American ultimatum. A barber organized a delegation to see the German Kommandant, to plead for surrender, for saving the town and its people. There were mostly women who went - some old, some pregnant, some with their children. They were received by Gestapo Commissioner Fuchs. He called them rats, bitches, whores and traitors and had them chased off. The next day Herr Fuchs returned deeper into Germany.

Another delegation, this time composed of respectable business men, led by a septuagenarian, went to visit the Kommandant. A young lieutenant came to meet them. He told them curtly there were no civilians supposed to be in AACHEN. Therefore, "Heraus!"

THE soldiers and police received permission to loot and take what they pleased. The Allied bombers, the heavy American artillery, began to pound the city and make good on the promises of the ultimatum. Some people endured in the cellars and bunkers, lived underground for days and weeks. There was no light, no water, no food. When the Americans came in and opened the bunkers the people tottered out, looking like ghosts. There were dead in the bunkers, and babies were born there.

Others did not endure. They came through the lines in the midst of battle. Groups and grouplets of civilians marched out of AACHEN on the road to the suburb of BRAND, where the Americans were. The road was under fire. But they kept coming. They hoped that the Americans would let them back into their town after it had been taken.

THE historic cathedral of AACHEN, where the medieval German Emperors were crowned, is left standing. It is almost the only building in town which remained whole as an eternal credit to the accuracy of our bombardiers. There, across the street from the cathedral, we met our first Aachen-er. He was crouching in the gutter and searching inside a bucket. He was well dressed, but his hands were covered with a sticky white matter.

It turned out that inside that bucket had been eggs, most of which were broken and had run out. He was fishing for some that might have been left whole during the bombardment.

When he noticed us standing next to him he jumped up and came almost to attention. We asked who he was, what he was doing, where he had been during the siege; he answered cringingly, his head and shoulders bent forward in a gesture of utter servility; his voice that of a business man who tries to please a difficult customer under all circumstances. Yes, he was a business man, and he was willing to do everything we wanted - speak a recording, denounce the Nazis, tell the whole story. Of course, we must not use his name because of the Gestapo, you know. And then he asked, complainingly, why we hadn't arrived sooner. They had waited so long for us, their liberators!

HE was somewhat taken back when we explained to him that we had not come to liberate the Germans, and asked him why if he had wanted to be liberated that badly, he and his fellows had done nothing for themselves?

The idea, apparently, had never entered his head. In all his servility his attitude was still one of arrogance. He felt that the Americans like hotel porters, are naturally expected to open the door; are duty bound to liberate the nation of poets and thinkers and harmless business men.

Later we passed along a ruined street. The ground floor of one of the houses was relatively intact. We heard a noise and checked. A man was in there rummaging through some shelves. He explained he was the owner of this plundered, devastated shop, and was trying to save what he could. We told him to go to the American authorities in a hurry and register. Yes, he would do that immediately. As we pushed on, he called after us, "Viel Glueck!"

We had been anything but friendly. We were soldiers of a conquering army, giving the man an order. Though the Nazis had robbed him, it was we who had destroyed his shop. And he called after us, "Good luck!"

THERE was no sense for us in staying in AACHEN if we wanted to meet the people. The people were in the American Military Government camp - thousands of them.

Every building in which the refugees are housed is under the supervision of one of their own people, called a "Blockwart." The Blockwart is a hallowed Nazi institution. In Nazi-held Germany, he works for the Gestapo, spying on the people.

This opportunism is widespread. A Fellow-soldier who spoke to a Blockwart, reported that his man inquired in all serious

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our Military Government. For, as the Blockwart expressed it, "Wess Brot ich ess, dess Lied ich sing," which is an old German proverb meaning that he would work for everyone who kept him.

THERE are no Nazis in occupied Germany. We still have to meet our first German who has the courage to admit that he was or is a member of the Nazi party.

We set up our recording unit, and selected at random a crew of people, women and men, to speak for us. None of them dared hesitate. They came to speak, though we had given no orders whatever. Anything a soldier says, with them, apparently is an order.

One of the men at once volunteered the information that he was particularly good at speaking before the microphone because he had worked, years ago for Radio Breslau. And if he spoke, couldn't we give him a little slip of paper stating that he had done us a service?

We asked what he had been doing last in Germany.

"Ach," he said, "I was on the staff of the Westdeutsche Beobachter."

The Westdeutsche Beobachter is the official party organ in western Germany. What a find, we thought, here is our first real Nazi!

"Staff?" we asked. "What do you mean? What did you do? Accounting - or what?"

He looked disapprovingly through his glasses. How could we underestimate him so! "On the editorial staff, of course!"

There we had him! "Then you were in the National Socialist Party, of course!"

"No!" he lied brazenly.

ANOTHER man came up to us. He whispered: "In barracks No. 3 there is a Dr. Mueller, a high functionary of the NSKK, the National Socialist Motor Corps."

We sent our informant off to fetch Dr. Mueller. After a while he returned.

\* \* \* Dr. Mueller was out for a walk and could not be found at the moment.

We said to our informant, "Can you tell us, please, why you betrayed this Dr. Mueller?"

"Aber ja!" he answered with a modest smile, "I will turn in anybody."

BEFORE we could leave the camp our driver had to attach the heavy trailer to the truck. He had difficulty moving it. A crowd stood around, watching. We could see the sneer on some faces - there was American weakness!

This time we did give orders! "You, you and you! Over here! Los!" In no time the trailer was attached, the sneers had disappeared. They had again heard the master's voice to which they are accustomed and things were in best order.

IT is too early in the game to come to definite conclusions. But our first contacts with the German people may give us a hint as to why there is no mass revolt against a Government which has lost the war, and, in the process of losing it, has imposed and is imposing more sacrifices on the German people than ever in its history. Even under the pressure to which the people of AACHEN were exposed, all that followed were two feeble attempts at trying to see the Kommandant.

On the other hand, these first contacts also supply a clue to the future. We will have to deal with a people whose backbone was broken 365 times a year for eleven years, until there is virtually no backbone left. A people accustomed to be ruled by force, a people adoring force, a people which sees in lack of force a sign of weakness.

We will meet less resisters than opportunists - and we will have to move warily for just that reason.

(By Sgt Stefan Heym - With the US Army in Germany)

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German Arty Tactics:

A German officer, deserter from the 408 People's Arty Corps, made the following observations regarding his experience with German Arty units; there are no fundamental changes in German Arty procedure. Recent changes, much rather are predicated by the dire straits the German Army finds itself in, than by a desire to change the old tested doctrines. For instance regarding survey methods, sound and flash units and the like, their reduction from Bn to Btry level or complete discontinuation is caused by an acute lack of trained personnel. The Vo-system of survey for long-range guns is declared a failure. Since the German army has been fighting a largely defensive war the following targets have been laid down with decreasing priority for observed fire: (a) attacking enemy Inf, (b) MG posns, (c) Morts, (d) known troop concentrations and (e) and last enemy Arty Posns. The reason for the low priority of counter-battery fire is that in German calculations 240 rounds of 105mm fire are needed to destroy a gun Posn. An advanced OP is usually established at Co level (of the unit supported), the main OP, with Btry CO in charge at Bn level.

Prepared Posns are rarely used in winter-time and in the present type of warfare. Btry targets, with observed fire, used to save ammo are usually road-junctions, villages, Bn targets include villages, draws and edges of woods. Single guns are used against PJs usually.

In offensive missions Btry supports units of Plt to Co strength, Bn an attack of an Inf Bn, and a People's Arty corps, theoretically, an Inf Regt.

Alternate Posns are not employed frequently. Dummy Posns and roving guns will only be found in a very stationary campaign. Even then a roving gun will not be found if the Btry has fallen below a four gun strength. Camouflage is very much stressed, all units are supposed to have camouflage nets, but many of them never saw theirs - there exists an acute shortage. In the winter-time guns and prime-movers are supposed to be painted white, only there is a shortage of white paint, also. The shortage of Arty Ammo is acute, sometimes due to the absence of sufficient motor or horse-drawn transport, and a general failure of the transportation system. Ammo deliveries are very irregular, frequently the Corps had to lay down strict rationing. 105mm Gun Hows have preference over the 150mm pieces, and these again over all other Cals and captured guns. (Source 3rd Armd Div G-2 Rpt #221.)

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

The increasing ey movement indicates that the ey is aware of the extent of our withdrawal. An unknown number of ey vic Q-850405 were taken under arty fire at 2000A. Ey infiltrated behind our positions in OFFEWILLER (Q-8534) and captured the town. Ey patrols were active vic HAGUENAU. Ey patrols were driven off with hvy casualties vic R-103184 and R099176.

Ey became more active on the Corps left flank vic REIPERTSWILLER and N of SAEGMUHL (Q7937). 30 ey vic Q-81773754, a arty registration point, were taken under fire with the area reported to be well covered.

Ey continued to build up his forces in the N Central zone. Our arty fired on 50 ey and 3 vehicles on road vic Q876353. A column of ey Inf and vehicles were moving on road from OBERBRONN (Q-9138) to ZINSWILLER (Q-9135). Ey vehicles were sited moving N on road DRUSENHEIM (R-1618) to SCHIRRHEIM (R-1222) at 1230A. HD vehicles were reported on road SCHIRRHEIM (R-1222) to OBERHOFFEN (R-0919) at 1405. Some ey activity was reported vic HUNSHOF (R-0326).

An estimated 40 ey attacked our outpost vic R-088166 in midafternoon which was broken up by our troops by 1650A. 3 stationary tanks were reported at R-128152. There was considerable movement of Inf and tanks into OBERHOFFEN (R-0920) during the afternoon. There was a definite increase in ey air activity over the Corps front using some ME 262's.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Although several moderate concentrations were reported, generally the enemy artillery was quiet during the period. The larger part of the shelling occurred in the 36th Div sector, and it was on this front that four new ey battery locations on this side of the RHINE were obtained. Night activity featured a heavy concentration on KALTENHOUSE (0721) at 1930A and several 25-30 round concentrations on WEYERSHEIM. A 280mm gun, this time located in the BUHL area (2910) threw 8 rounds into the BRUMATH vicinity. WEYERSHEIM, BISCHWILLER, and the woods at 0815 were the only places in the eastern sector reported shelled during the day. Elsewhere light concentrations were reported vic PHOFFENOFFEN, WILDENGUTH and REIPERTSWILLER, but the snow that fell most of the day undoubtedly curtailed enemy artillery activity considerably, especially registrations. Several arty movements were observed in the sectors of both the 79th and 103rd Div sectors, and it is quite probable that the bad road conditions have slowed up their displacements, causing some delay in aggressive action in these two sectors.

Shellrep total: 30

79 Div	45 Div	103 Div	33 Brig	6 Gp
2	3	2	20	3

Suspect List #22-1 (Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location).

1539-2233	1/88	6 AOP
156-183	-/88	VI C AOP
114-107	5-6/-	6 AOP
126-119	3-4/-	6 AOP
109-109	-/-	6 AOP
2938-1014	1/Hy	2 FOB-S
907-314	-/-	103 AOP

3 sound locations made during the period netted two 88's in 1310 square and 1/Hy in 2910 square. The latter location is included in suspect list pending confirmation.

SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. During the night heavy harassing was fired on the BARENTAL-ZINSWILLER road as AOP's observed heavy vehicular movement. Pozit fuze was used extensively. Also a heavy harassing program was fired on ey CP's, assembly areas, and RJ's during the night.

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A "Bingo" was fired on cy vehicles and personnel in ZINSMILLER (48935-3562) at 1920A. Also a "Bingo" was fired on cy infantry in assembly at R093-197 at 1615A.

During the morning while visibility was very good the AOP's observed much enemy movement over the front. A series of TOT's was fired on cy vehicles and personnel along the MERTZMILLER-ESCHERACH road with very good results. Much activity was noted on the BARENTAL-ZINSMILLER road and effective fire was placed on it. A snow storm limited visibility during the afternoon; so all roads of known activity were harassed.

The 36 AOP adjusted the 36 FA Bn on an enemy battery at 1047-0968 with excellent results reported.

The 242 fa Bn knocked out an SP with one direct hit and explosions reported by the observer.

The 977 FA Bn was adjusted on 15 cy vehicles and 50 infantry at 921289 by the AOP with excellent results. Harassing fire was placed on the area after adjustment.

The 995 FA Bn stopped an cy column at 866375 with a direct hit on a vehicle. Massed fire was placed on the traffic jam and also on another point (4873364) where traffic was by passing. AOP was not able to observe fire for effect.

The 155 FA Bn fired 23 rds on cy tanks and personnel at R0791-1232 and one tank was hit and considerable casualties among the infantry. Also 76 rds were fired on infantry and vehicles at R1136-2030 with one vehicle destroyed and infantry dispersed with casualties.

## b. Summary of Missions Fired:

### (1) Div Arty:

Type	36 IDA		45 IDA		79 IDA		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	1				2	1		2
Per	16		8	5	14	22	19	16
Veh	6				8		4	1
MG & Mor				1		1	1	
Armor	7					6		
Def Fires	7							
Har		10		26	2	52		20
Reg	9		36		11		10	
Misc	2	3			13	34		
Prop								6
TOTAL	48	13	44	32	50	116	34	45

### (2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	1	8		1				
Per		10		1		10	1	
Veh	1		1		2			
Armor	1							
Har		51		20		11		11
Reg	8		5		3		1	
Misc						3		
TOTAL	11	69	6	22	5	24	2	11

AOP Missions: 18

## SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Forward elements of the Corps are reported at the following points:

Q-759401, Q-763392, Q-763382, Q-783381, Q-805368, Q-820371, Q-840353, Q-843337, Q-864315, Q-870300, Q-907271, Q-937272, R-025243, R-032247, R-098192, R-085153, R-074147, R-061123, R-050123.

b. EXTRACT - Hq Third US Army, G-2 Report No. 221, 18 January 1945, as reported in XV Corps Arty Periodic Report No. 21, dated 23 Jan 45.

### 1. Effects of US Arty Fire:

A reliable and cooperative officer PW from the 408 People's Arty Corps had the following comments to make on American Arty fire:

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a. Results:

2/3 Jan PW experienced an Arty attack against TARCHAMPS (P6051) at 0630. It is believed that the German radio-truck gave away the Btry's Posns. About 12 rounds of 155 (?) fire fell into the small village killing 14 men, wounding many others and destroying 6 trucks. At another time excellent results were observed of Hvy Cal (155 or 240 mm) fire on a small farm house. Approx 15 rounds were fired, every one a hit.

Harassing and interdiction fire are very much feared by the Germans, and are responsible for high casualties. During the winter-time especially, the men's bunkers are of faulty construction and are easily destroyed. Concentrations against the heavy traffic at night also caused very high casualties.

Percussion fire against German gun Posns is considered most effective. More casualties are caused by US Arty fire than by any other of our Wpns. This holds true for Hvy Cal US fire rather than any of our smaller Cal's. Duds for Hvy Cal fire are estimated at 5% and at 15-20% for light Cal's. Small Cal fire is considered especially ineffective against Posns on snow-covered open fields, since the snow muffles the fragmentation effect.

b. Suggestions:

US arty is considered superior to that of any other army. An increase of harassing and interdiction fire, against enemy arty posns, especially if the concentrations are laid down at irregular intervals. These concentrations should be directed against gun Posns, RJs, and even woods for best results. It is said that projectiles armed with the new type fuze explode too high (80-100 m) in the air to be really effective. If this could be corrected to have the burst at approx 5-10 m above ground, excellent results could be obtained. Against troop concentrations, in open field, roads, etc., these projectiles should be alternated with delayed fuzed ones to give maximum effect.

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ENEMY BTRY LIST #22  
(Supercedes All Previous Lists)

CONC NO.	COORDS	ACC	SOURCE	NO./TYPE
7741 JV	773-412	B	PW	5/105
7845 KU	7856-4542	B	25 AOP	6/-
7940 HH	792-407	B	405 AOP	4/-
7942 LD	790-423	B	PW	4/-
7942 HQ	7984-4261	B	AOP, PW	4/-
8040 JO	804-402	B	AOP, PW	4/-
8142 TF	8102-4272	A	AP, AOP	3/Lt
8143 HR	812-423	B	PW	6/75
8147 LX #1	8124-4752	A	AP-15 Jan	1/Med?
#2	8132-4760	A	AP-15 Jan	1/Med?
#3	8146-4768	A	AP-15 Jan	1/Med?
8242 LU	8263-4231	B	995 AOP	-/Nebel
8242 HL	828-427	B	AOP, PW	4/Nebel
8243 HJ	8269-4348	A	AP, AOP	4/Med
8245 KZ	8278-4517	A	AP-15 Jan	4/Lt
8342 LA #1	8334-4260	A	AP-15 Jan	2/Lt
#2	8348-4260	A	AP-15 Jan	2/Lt
8347 KS	8370-4730	B	AOP	4/-
8444 VA	8484-4443	A	AP-13 Jan	3/Lt
8444 KY	8400-4438	A	AP-13 Jan	4/Lt
8445 J4F	8489-4597	A	AP-15 Jan	3/Lt
8446 HE	8445-4619	A	AP-15 Jan	3/Lt
8546 LR	8539-4622	A	AP-15 Jan	3/Lt
9047 JD	9050-4717	B	AOP, GOP	3/-
9146 KL	9120-4640	B	153 GOP	-/-
1011 MM	1020-1130	B	2 FOB-F	4/Lt
1102 VN	1165-0200	A	AP-15 Jan	4/HAA
1212 MK	1228-1240	B	36 AOP	3/Lt
1309 ME	1337-0903	Z	33 Brig	1/- *
1315 MN	1325-1508	B	2 FOB-S, PW	2/88
1318 ML	1330-1880	B	79 AOP	4/-
1708 JB	1705-0800	A	AP-8 Jan	4/HAA
1908 MI	1990-0844	A	AP-14 Jan	4/HAA
1909 KP	1911-0943	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
1911 MF	1914-1144	A	AP-14 Jan	4/Lt
2011 MG	2039-1167	A	AP-14 Jan	4/Lt
2012 KW	2014-1259	A	2 FOB-S	2/Lt
2015 TV	2000-1524	A	AP-16 Jan	4/HAA
2015 TW	2004-1535	A	AP-16 Jan	4/HAA
2015 HZ	2069-1505	A	AP-8 Jan	4/HAA
2015 MH	2037-1526	A	2 FOB-S	2/-
2113 MJ	2124-1393	A	AP-14 Jan	4/HAA
2114 UV	2111-1441	A	AP-14 Jan	4/Lt
2121 SI	2105-2178	A	AP-16 Jan	4/Lt

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

The principal ey activity was a rapid and hvy follow-up of our withdrawal on both flanks of Corps front. An estimated 50 ey supported by mortar fire attacked BISHOLTZ Q-8532 but were repulsed at 0830A. An estimated 100 ey attacked vic MULHAUSEN Q-8631 and occasional contact was maintained through the period. An estimated Co forming for attack in woods vic Q-9327 at 0915A was dispersed by arty fire but elements reformed and attacked vic Q-930284; this was again dispersed by arty fire. 23 vehicles and estimated 200 Inf in area NE of BISCHWILLER were taken under arty fire later in the morning.

On 45 Div front ey was generally quiet with scattered activity in rear areas E of REIPERTSWILLER Q-8037. Two ey tanks vic Q-845348 were engaged by arty fire at 1400A. Ey continued his probing activity on the N central front. Ten to twelve ey tanks were reported operating vic ROTHBACH Q-8534 and firing from defiladed positions on our M/G emplacements. Approximately 125 troops were reported in MULHAUSEN Q-8730 and U/K number going into UHRWILLER Q-8830, some of whom were on skis.

A great deal of ey traffic was observed between SCHIRHEIM R-1222, SCHIRHOFFEN R-1322 and BOIS DE SOUFFLENHEIM R-1420. On Corps right flank situation remained unchanged with considerable activity. 50 ey vic R-099129 and 40-50 ey vic R-094131 were reported.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. The activity of the enemy artillery is gradually increasing, but may still be characterized as light. The heaviest concentration reported consisted of 25 rounds, but usually 5 to 15 rounds were fired in the majority. The 36th Div sector received the larger amount of shelling, the rest being about equally divided in each of the other sectors. The enemy during the night harassed forward elements vic MULHAUSEN, SCHWEIGHAUSEN, HAGUENAU, and BISCHWILLER, and interdicted the road center of BRUMATH, 12 rds heavy caliber fell just to the east of this town also. BISCHWILLER, the woods vic RO715, and our positions in the WEYERSHEIM area were also shelled during the day, with other harassing fires vic HAGUENAU, WILDENGUTH, Q8429 (interdiction), N of LICHTENBERG, and PHAFFENOFFEN. Shellrep bearings and the few locations so far obtained indicate that the enemy arty is moving back into the old areas he occupied on our advance, namely the CAMP OBERHOFFEN maneuver area and the ESCHBACH-ENGWILLER region.

Shellrep total: 56

103 Div	79 Div	45 Div	6 Gp	33 Brig	2 FOB
9	8	7	4	26	2

b. Changes to EB List #22

(1) Additions:

CONC NO.	COORDS.	ACC	SOURCE	NO./TYPE
8144 MO	815-442	B	PW	3/-
8344 MP	832-449	B	PW	3-4/105
0030 MQ	0055-3052	B	ΔOP, PW	3/150
1022 MT	1071-2235	B	6 ΔOP	3/-
1317 MR	1377-1730	B	2 FOB-S	2/Mod?
1322 MS	1335-2270	B	194 ΔOP	2/88
1411 UK	1407-1184	A	2 FOB-S	2/-

(2) Deletions:

9047 JD 9146 KL

(3) Suspect List #22-2 (Locations of doubtful activity or those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location)

785-382	1/AT <sub>2</sub>	45 AOP	128-184	-/-	33 GOP
049-246	-/-	194 AOP	1082-2286	2/-	6 AOP
0019-3065	2/-	634 AOP			



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Two sound locations were made in the eastern sector. Otherwise no activity noted. Flash: NTR.

SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Arty with the Corps continued to support the action of the Corps with observed and unobserved missions. Harassing fire was carried out on supply routes and lines of communication through the night. TOT's were fired during the day on suspected cy assembly points and supply areas. In spite of low clouds and a strong wind, many observed missions were fired, some with excellent results.

382 FA Bn fired 100 rds on a Co, reported to be SS troops, at Q93172790. During the adjustment direct hits were noticed on personnel. Fire for effect killed and wounded many cy. The remainder were chased into woods at Q932284 by arty fire.

At 1030A, 382 FA Bn FO adjusted his battalion on a house containing MG's at Q93152778. 25 rds were used with 2 direct hits made on the house. No visible effect was noted so the observer requested 8" How fire and adjusted 995 FA Bn. 11 rds were used with 4 direct hits. The house was destroyed and personnel dispersed. 382 FA Bn continued firing on the point until an inf patrol could reach the point. 2 MG's were found, along with one seriously wounded soldier. 8 PW's were taken.

An inf observer, through the Arty Ln O, adjusted ricochet fire on cy inf at Q90473010. He reported excellent results with a number of casualties noted.

194 FA Bn AOP adjusted 194 FA Bn on 3 veh pulling AA guns at R110225. Hits were observed near the vehicles which dispersed.

At 1028A, 194 FA Bn was adjusted by AOP on vehicles pulling arty at R114219. 24 rds were expended with 3 vehicles knocked out and the others dispersed.

A building at R069231, with cy activity in vicinity, was destroyed by 4 direct hits from 194 FA Bn. AOP made the adjustment at 1330A with 19 rds. Area around the house was well covered.

904 FA Bn AOP adjusted 194 FA Bn on 2 fd pcs at R00122554. 1 gun was destroyed. 1 large fire and 3 small fires were started. 16 rds were used in the adjustment.

938 FA Bn fired on 2 groups of inf, Q866338 (35-40) and Q865342 (30-35). 18 rds were fired for effect. The FO who made the adjustment noted casualties being carried from the area.

2 tanks at Q849341 and a single tank at Q848340 were fired on by 995 FA Bn. 17 FA Bn AOP made the adjustment. No direct hits were seen but 2 tanks were damaged.

At 1445A, 2 cy tanks at Q84953418 were observed by 383 FA Bn FO. 938 FA Bn fired on them. One tank was damaged.

939 FA Bn was adjusted by AOP on cy pers at R11542212. Area was well covered with 44 rds.

AOP adjusted 634 FA Bn on two cy bties. 26 rds were expended on 3 guns at R05553052, and 21 rds were fired on 2 guns at R00193065. Both locations were effectively neutralized.

6 direct hits were made on a house at Q95702707 by 634 FA Bn. 904 FA Bn AOP made the adjustment.

Complete Sound and Flash installations of 2 FA Obsn Bn are listed below:

Battery "A" Sound Installations: NIEDERSOULTZBACH Base "A"; Microphone 1, - Q811282, Microphone 5, - Q70282, OP2 - Q810298, OP3 - Q782300. Base "B"; Microphone 1 - Q860250, Microphone 5 - Q708301, OP1 - Q821275, OP2 - Q810298. Battery "A" Flash Installations: OP1 - Q870262, OP2 - Q840272, OP3 - Q807293. Battery "B" Sound Installations: NIEDERSCHAEFF - OLSHEIM Base "A"; Microphone 1 - R015150, Microphone 5 - R015204, OP1 - R034162, OP2 - R033193. Base "B"; Microphone 1 - R024177, Microphone 5 - Q967217, OP2 - R033193. Battery "B" Flash Installations: OP1 - R049132, OP2 - R041151, OP3 - R056169.

35 FA Gp liaison plane crashed while trying to take off in the morning. Pilot and observer were unhurt.

995 FA Bn liaison plane was shot down vic MUHLHAUSEN (Q8631) by S/A fire. The pilot was shot in the leg and the observer was unhurt.

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b. Summary of missions fired:

(1) Div Arty:										
Type	14 ADA		36 IDA		45 IDA		79 IDA		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB							3			
Per	17				2	15	15	19	33	6
Veh	2				1	12	4	3	5	1
MG & Mor	2				2	1	2		8	
Prep		3	Un-reported							
Armor					1	1	2		1	5
Def Fires	10	7					2		2	
Har		6				21		10		38
Reg	11				8		18		2	
Misc	1						3	71	3	
Prop					9					
TOTAL	43	16	53	37	23	50	49	103	54	50

(2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	2	9		1		1	1	4
Per	4	2	1		2	5		
Veh	3	2			1		2	5
Armor			1		1	2		
Har		43		16		17		1
Reg	6				2		3	
Misc						2		
Dest			1				1	
TOTAL	15	56	3	17	6	27	7	10

AOP Missions: 14

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Front Lines: No change.

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ANNEX- #1 TO PERIODIC REPORT NO. 138.

(Source: G-2 Report, 103 Inf Div 22 Jan 45)

OB ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SITUATION

With the failure of the German offensive in the US First Army zone and the reported withdrawal of many divisions, it is apparent that Herr Hitler must and will try again elsewhere. The loss of many thousands of German soldiers killed, wounded and prisoners plus some 600 tanks and other irreplaceable equipment and supplies is a severe blow to German morale. Only a victory in this sector can assuage the waning prestige of the Wehrmacht. German propaganda has already heralded the initial successes in this area and the shutting down of the 5th Pz and 6 SS Pz armies in this vicinity is not beyond possibility. The recent PW statement that Himmler is taking personal charge of operations in this sector adds more weight to this contention. The great Russian offensive further necessitates the delivery of Alsace to appease the victory famished populace. The situation in Alsace can be expected to become increasingly critical. Already the 10 SS Pz Div has been identified having come from a reserve status in US 1st Army zone. This division was, according to one PW, to supplement the 21st Pz and 25th FG Divisions along with the 7th Para Div which recently arrived from Holland. However, our rapid withdrawal seems to have upset the enemy's cleverly conceived plan.

In view of the recent commitment of the 10 SS Pz Div, the 7th Para and the 553d Divs in the vicinity, a discussion of their organization is not inappropos. The 10 SS Pz Div "Frundsberg" made an expected appearance on 19 Jan 1945 in vic of (R-1316) and is now identified in the US 79th Div sector in toto. The division consists of two Pz Gren Regts (21st and 22nd PGR) plus a tank regt (10 SS Pz Regt). Other units (combat service) in the division are believed to carry the number 10. The inf bns are rptd at 400-500 men strong, each PGR being composed of 3 bns. The present effective combat strength of the division is estimated to be 6,000 plus about 80 tanks. The personnel of this division are young racial Germans, the bulk of which were forced into the SS from the GAF. The 7th Para Div arrived in the vicinity of Hatten (R-1733) on the 9th of January 1945, coming from Venlo, Holland. The division was formed from elms of the erstwhile Erdmann Div. The former Regt Menzel, now the 19th Para Regt, the former Regt Grasmehl, the 20th Para Regt and the former Regt Hardegg, the 21st Para Regt. Each of the regiments has three bns each in turn having an approximate strength of 350 men. The arty regt is believed to be completely motorized and has 3 bns with 3 batteries of 4-105mm howitzers each. The troops in this division have had little combat experience except for a few veterans of old Para formations. The personnel consists mainly of Reichsdeutsche in the age group between 18-25. Before the division was committed in the Hatten area it is significant that all Soldbüchs (paybooks) were taken from the troops. The combat effective strength of the division is estimated at 4,200. The 553d VG Div, having completed its most recent metamorphosis, is revealed as operating with 3 regts (1119, 1120, 1121) in the form of BG Marbach, also referred to as Gren Regt 3 Aaberrhein or 35 Repl and Tng Bn. The BG Marbach seems to include the following:

- Bn Schmidt NCO Candidates
- Bn Treutler NCO Candidates
- 2 SS Police Regt (3 Bns)
- Police School Heidenheim
- Mortar Co Kressin
- 4 AA Co Ceiger
- Eng Co Schmidt
- SS Nebelwerfer Btry Oberrhein
- 20 Mortar Bn
- BG Von Tuettichau

The total strength of the above miscellany, although hard to estimate, is believed to be about 3,500. The commander of the 553d VG Div is General Major Hueteker.

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE

Ey continued his hvy prèssure on center of Corps front but his main effort appeared to be in the woods W of SCHWEIGHAUSEN (R0024). Ey offensive has been contained there and in SCHILLERSDORF (Q8430).

SE of HAGUENAU ey was withdrawing under pressure. FW from 2 Co, 192 PGR, captured vic R103184, indicates 21 PZ Div is now on Corps E flank and 10 SS Div has side slipped to NW where 21 SS PGR was identified by approx 80 PWs taken vic R0622.

There was little ey activity on Corps left flank. Mortars in the Q8233 sq harassed the 36th Engrs during the afternoon. Ey defended his gains of the morning stubbornly and continued to hold SCHILLERSDORF (Q8530) in bitter house to house fighting. Resistance was also stubborn W of MULHAUSEN (Q8631) and vic Q860315. MG fire was received from houses in NIEFTERN (Q874300) until the town was destroyed house by house by 8" Hows. KINDWILLER (Q9029) was occupied by ey late in the afternoon.

In 79 Div's zone ey was pushed back across the river after suffering hvy casualties and leaving 100 PWs. The last hold of 10 SS Div on our side of river vic R065230 was captured late this afternoon. Ey forces in SCHWEIGHAUSEN (R0024) and BOIS D'OHLUNGEN (Q9724) resisted heavily, but our troops made progress in town and in the woods with half of SCHWEIGHAUSEN reported in our hands. Ey is dug in on N bank of river from CAMP DE OBERHOFFEN to OBERHOFFEN (R0820). Corps right flank was quiet.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY

a. It might be assumed that ey attacks to cross the MODER River on a wide front during this period would cause a considerable increase in ey arty activity, but shellreps indicate only a moderate increase in the attack area - the sectors of the 79th and 103d Divs. In fact, the shelling was about evenly divided among the left three division sectors, with the 36th, especially in the daytime, drawing much less than usual. The heaviest concentration reported consisted of 50 rds, but most of the others varied between 10-20 rds. Night harassment rose slightly as towns and positions in the forward area, including RICHTENBERG, ROTHBACH, KURTZENHAUSEN, WEITERBRUCH, BISCHWILLER, HAGUENAU, INGWILLER, GRIES, and DAUENSDORF (Q9326) were all hit. In the morning the WILDENGUTH-REMPERTSWILLER area was the main attraction, and it was here that 50 rds fell at 1025A. About noon and in the afternoon SCHWEIGHAUSEN received a succession of small concentrations. INGWILLER drew 88mm and 170mm interdiction fire during the day, and likewise the HAGUENAU area, besides other caliber fire, felt the weight of heavies. Shellreps indicate that 17cm guns are now operating apparently in the DAMBACH and LEMBACH valleys.

With the identification of elements of the 6th SS Mountain Div in SCHILLERSDORF (Q8430) the possibility arises that the long column picked up on the PHILLIPSBOURG-WINDSTEIN road two days and heavily shelled by the Corps Arty was the movement of units of this division into their new sector. The column was reported as consisting of both horses and motor vehicles, and with the decrease in arty activity in the 45th sector it is quite probable that some of the 6 Div arty was included in this column. As yet the ey attacks in the 103d sector have not been strongly supported by arty, and it is possible that destruction of prime movers and horses by our fire has resulted in partial failure to bring up their guns thus explaining the lack of support. New position areas, based on active gun locations obtained so far, are shaping up around ESCHBACH, NERTZWILLER, and the ENGWILLER-ZINSWILLER region.

Shellrep total - 71

79 Div 45 Div 103 Div 36 Div 6 Gp 405 Gp 2 FOB 33 Brig  
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## b. Changes to EB List #22

### (1) Additions:

CONC NO	COORDINATES	ACC	SOURCE	NO/TYPE
8233 NB	8213-3935	A	2 FOB-S	1/88
8533 MZ	8575-3844	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
8825 NC	8874-3550	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
8932 MY	8933-3243	B	2 FOB-S	1-6/-
9133 NA	9100-3510	B	2 FOB-S	1-2/-
9629 ND	9649-2907	B	69 AOP	2/-
9831 NE	9852-3106	B	69 ACP	3/-
9930 MX	9942-3030	B	2 FOB-S	2/-
1010 MV	1005-1050	B	36 AOP	4/-
1318 MU	1350-1815	B	33 GCP	4/-
1323 MW	1503-2304	B	36 GCP	4/-

### (2) Deletions:

1911 MF    2114 UV    2121 SI

### (3) Suspect List #22-3 (Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location):

9044-2925	1/-	2 FOB-S
822 - 320	-/-	36 E
8252-3723	2/-	2 FOB-S
8786-3485	3/Mod?	2 FOB-S
9200-3352	1/-	2 FOB-S
8935-2820	1/-	2 FOB-S
938 - 318	2/Mod?	977 GCP

15 sound locations were made, all in the western sector. B sound did not pick up any batteries probably due to extremely reduced shelling coming from the area under their surveillance. Of the locations received, 6 were new (with two locations of MY), 5 were included in the SL, two were those of very close-in SPs, while one was a confirmation of 8242 LA.

No flash locations were made.

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS

a. Poor visibility throughout the period limited firing by arty with the Corps generally to unobserved harassing, counterbattery and supporting fire. However, forward observers with the infantry were able to adjust on numerous close-in targets, especially in the 79 Inf Div and 103 Inf Div sectors where heavy fighting took place through the day. AOP operation was practically denied by low hanging clouds and heavy ground haze.

During the early morning hours, at the request of 3 DIA, which was being attacked from the N, 36 Inf Div Arty and Corps Arty fired in the GAMBESHEIM (R1110) area on a number of locations reported to be cy assembly areas and approach routes. The French successfully repulsed the attack.

Close support missions were fired for 103 Inf Div in the MUECHHAUSEN (Q8631) - SCHILLERSDORF (Q8430) - NIEFFERN (Q8729) area during the day. At the request of the inf in MUECHHAUSEN, 8" How fire was brought down on the town.

103 Div Arty fired a TOT at 1040A. 4 RPG from 105mm Bns and 2 RPG from the 155mm Bn were dropped on cy personnel, est at Bn strength, forming for attack at Q875302. Observers reported the concentration right on the area. The expected attack never developed.

333 FA Bn FC adjusted 995 FA Bn on a bridge at Q872293 in the town of NIEFFERN. 26 rds were expended. The bridge was destroyed and 7 houses in the vic were either destroyed or badly damaged. The inf later reported this materially helped their attack in that sector.

634 FA Bn fired on a 2/G btry at Q96492907. 59 AFA Bn AOP made the adjustment. 21 rds HE and 1 rd WP were used, with 2 direct hits reported by the observer.

59 AFA Bn AOP also adjusted 634 FA Bn on a 3/G btry at Q98623106. 25 rds HE and 2 rds WP were expended. The observer was unable to remain for fire for effect because he had to return for gas.

At 1640A, 634 FA Bn was adjusted on a tank at Q98002602 by 904 FA Bn FO. 2 Rds HE and 2 rds WP were fired to make this the most economic adjustment of the day. The observer reported the tank was left burning.

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142 Inf FO fired 194 FA Bn on a house at R09702005. After 24 rds were shot the observer reported the bldg damaged. A number of fires were started in the area.

194 FA Bn AOP fired 38 rds from 194 FA Bn on an ey btry at R116224. The mission was reported to be very effective with rds landing close to the gun positions.

A factory at R06502295, containing ey personnel, was partially destroyed by 698 FA Bn. 242 FA Bn FO made the adjustment and reported 12 hits on the bldg.

5 tanks were stopped at Q88982903 by 1t cal arty fire. The 103 Inf Div Arty FO who made the adjustment called for a TOT from med and hvy supporting arty. 405 FA Gp repponded with a TOT at 1843A. The FO reported the concentration "right on the nose". All five of the tanks were damaged and disabled.

Flash OP Z, Btry A, 2 FA Obsn Bn displaced to Q82752699. Btry B occupied a new sound outpost, OP #, at R009223.

b. Summary of Missions Fired:

(1) Div Arty:

Type	14 ADA		36 IDA		45 IDA		79 IDA		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB			7	2		2	3			3
Per	6		15		11		37	9	31	22
Veh	3		3				5	3	4	4
MG & Mor						2	2	2	8	
Prep								8		
Armor			4				5	5	1	2
Def Fire	4		13	12			7	31	8	12
Har		13		19		28	5	42		53
Reg	6		10		11		9		5	
Misc	2	7	4	19			2	63	1	
Prop		2						4		5
TOTAL	21	22	56	52	22	32	75	167	58	101

(2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	2	8		14		9	1	2
Per		8		4		17	1	1
Veh		3				1		2
Armor	1	1				1		
Def Fire								12
Har		51		12		12		7
Reg	2		1					
Misc		14				11		
Dest			1				1	
TOTAL	5	85	2	30		51	3	24

AOP Missions - 3

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Forward elements of the Corps are reported at the following points:  
 Q794374; Q810370; Q823370; Q840350; Q830340; Q864314; Q904270; Q945272; Q975259;  
 Q975254; Q990250; Q995245; R005245; R030245; R050231; R064232; R090200; R096188;  
 R084151; R060125; R035110.

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(Source: G-2 Report, 103 Inf Div, dated 23 Jan 1945)

EXCERPTS FROM THE FIRST DETAILED INTERROGATION OF  
SS STANDARTENFUEHRER (COL) HANS LINGNER,  
CO, 17 SS PZ GREN DIV

LINGNER, Hans, SS STANDARTENFUEHRER (Col), Commander of 17 SS Pz Gren Div "GOETZ von BERLICHINGEN", and a General Staff Officer. A 29-year-old arrogant product of Nazism who at first refused to talk to anybody with rank less than Colonel, and even then refused to reveal any information of a military nature. He changed.

Source emphasized the fact that he had served mainly in the field and that he was not very familiar with the organization of higher units, personalities, or German Army policies. The information that follows was given quite freely and the interrogating officer believes that LINGNER has told, substantially, the truth, as far as he has gone.

1. ALSACE OFFENSIVE:

According to source, the German Army is unable to carry on simultaneously two offensives in the WEST. Although he admits that the German divs involved in the ARDENNES offensive lost heavily, he points out that they can be re-equipped and reinforced by men coming from replacement depots. This group of 20-25 divs can then be kept ready either to meet a large-scale Allied attack on the RUHR, or it can be sent to another area for another main attack. PW thinks that the latter is more probable this winter, due to the fact that Allied air superiority cannot be used fully at this time of year. He also remarks that the German railroad net is still fully capable of coping with a mass movement of this character.

The New Year's Eve German offensive on the Southern Front is explained as follows:

When the breakthrough in Belgium was stopped by the Allies and the German High Command became aware that several Allied divs had been sent in from other fronts, orders were issued to attack with limited objectives along the entire front. A battle of annihilation (VERNICHTUNGSSCHLACHT), he claims, would result in a German collapse. The German Command miscalculated Allied strength in Alsace and Lorraine and was probably surprised by the number of divs still remaining in this sector. Nevertheless, he reasons, attack is still the best defensive weapon and the only way for Germany to gain time.

As an example of German intentions he cites the instance of the attack carried out by his own div. He was only ordered to reduce the distance between his and the Allied MLR. He advanced about 3 km, thus bringing both lines only 500 meters apart. To accomplish this mission he received slightly more ammunition than his normal requirements called for; gasoline allotment remained about the same as usual. On the intelligence side, he was informed that 2 French Armored Div was kept almost entirely in reserve in order to counter-attack in the event of a breakthrough.

2. CRITICISM OF ALLIED TACTICS

PW made the following observations, based on his experiences and on the results of his personal interrogation of American PW, of American tactics on his div front: The American infantryman is as courageous as the German soldier. With more experienced leadership all German attacks emanating from his div sector would have been beaten back.

a. Patrols:

(1) American short-range reconnaissance (GEFECHTSAUFKLAERUNG) is not sufficiently thorough. Through lack of aggressiveness the patrols do not succeed often enough in drawing fire which would reveal the location of heavy German inf weapons.

(2) The missions entrusted to American patrols are much too complicated. It is impossible for any patrol to bring back all the information requested of it. It would be much better to send out more smaller-sized patrols with more modest missions.

b. Terrain Intelligence: American unit commanders do not study carefully enough the terrain opposite their front. This accounts for the fact that American heavy inf weapons are not always concentrated at the point where the German main effort in the attack (SCHWERPUNKT) is normally to be expected.

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c. Defense in Depth: PW states that our small units are echeloned in depth excellently. The same cannot be said of our divs. The div reserves are spread out too much, and in rows, instead of being concentrated to most tactical requirements.

d. Reserves: PW always took advantage of the fact that our bn and regtl commanders insist upon keeping their reserves with them, instead of dispatching them to an adjoining sector which is endangered. It was source's impression that our unit commanders, in order to retain their reserves, pretend that a German attack is about to take place, or deliberately send their reserves forward to meet a small attack so that they do not have to part with them for a longer period. Aware of this, PW invariably began his offensives with a fake attack, with a large amount of small arms fire. When the American forward unit commander of this sector sent for reserves and they were forthcoming, source began his main attack at a point where it should have been expected by the American command from the nature of the terrain, etc. Precious time was thereby lost by the Americans in gathering reserves to counter-attack successfully.

e. Tactical Employment of Allied Tanks: The reasons behind our employment of medium tanks in groups of two and three is not clear to source. In his opinion the Sherman tank was not conceived as a gun carrier in direct support of the inf. They should be used in company strength to achieve a general breakthrough, considering the large number of tanks we have at our disposal. Only the shortage of armor causes the Germans to use their tanks in small numbers.

f. American Garrison at RIMLING: PW paid tribute to the gallantry of the two American Cos which were captured in RIMLING (6555) 2-3 Jan 45. In spite of the fact that these men were in a situation that was almost desperate, the commander rejected PW's ultimatum to surrender and replied that he would fight on to the last shot. The village was taken by the Germans two days later after they faked a frontal attack from the NORTH and attacked from the SOUTH. The German troops sustained heavy losses. PW could not understand why the two Cos were not reinforced or pulled back on the road RIMLING-BETTWEILER, which was never under German control. PW did not see the remnants of the American garrison because he was himself captured the same day, while out well forward on a personal reconnaissance mission.

3. MINE FIELDS: When PW's 17 SS Pz Gren Div attacked on 2-3 Jan 45, three American mine fields were discovered, two SW of the village of ERCHINGEN, and one W of RIMLING. An estimated 10,000 new American AT mines had been spread over the ground by our troops before a snowfall. Unfortunately, a strong wind arose and uncovered all the mines, with the exception of a few rows which had trip wires. PW ordered the mines to be dug into the ground. A hundred of his engineers accomplished this task in one night. Three of PW's assault guns had their tracks damaged by mines which were scattered in the area between the village of RIMLING and mine field D.

4. ARMOR AND ASSAULT WEAPONS IN 17 SS PZ GREN DIV

a. Assault Gun Bn: Before his capture on 2-3 Jan 45, there were in 17 SS Div 22 - 75 mm assault guns, five of which were non-operational. He launched his attack with 12, losing three near the village of ACHEN. Three others had been damaged, but were recovered. Each of the three Cos had a command tank.

b. Recon Bn: This Bn had only 8 - 8-wheeled and 6 - 4-wheeled recon cars. One Co was equipped with motorcycles. The entire Recon Bn was kept in reserve during the attack.

c. 353 Flamethrower Tank Co: This attached Co had only 8-10 tanks operational when the attack started. Six of them were knocked out near the village of GROSREDERCHING. PW attributed this to the cowardice of the crews.

d. Heavy Tank Bn: At first PW claimed that this Bn never showed up in time for the attack, but later admitted that on 28 Dec 44 four Tiger tanks appeared in his area. One of them broke down; the other three were kept in readiness to meet an expected American counter-attack. Source stated that this was a GRU unit which did not come under his control. It acted completely independently.

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

For the period ending 260600 Jan, VI Corps took 206 PWs.

After a quiet night marked only by scattered patrol contact and reports of 5 tanks in 8829 sq and 10 tanks in 9726 sq, ey pressure decreased in center of Corps zone and activity was negligible on our flanks. Between NEUBOURG (9526) and SCHWEIGHAUSEN (0024) the MLR along the MODER River was reestablished without contact except for light MG fire from the river's N bank.

N of ZINSWILLER two ey tanks at 898366 were fired on at 1640a hrs. Snipers were active in BISCHOLTZ (8532), MULHAUSEN (8631) and NIEFFERN (8729). Est two ey coys remained in KINDWILLER (9029). Our P-47s bombed and strafed ey troop concentrations in OFFWILLER (8634), UHRWILLER (8831) and KINDWILLER (9029). SCHILLERSDORF (8430) was cleared at 1115a hrs.

Heavy two-way traffic was observed between OBERHOFFEN (0919) and SCHIRRHOFFEN (1322) and from CAMP DE OBERHOFFEN (0821) and SCHIRRHOFFEN. Vehicular and inf activity was also reported in MERTZWILLER (9629). 20-man ey patrol vic 010246 was dispersed by SA and arty fire. One Mark VI tank and some inf were observed vic 968268.

36 Div's sector remained quiet. A column of 6 trucks, 4 arty pieces and 4 tanks were taken under fire at 1635A hrs proceeding N between HERRLISHEIM and DRUSENHEIM (1518). TAC/R reported hvy rail and motor traffic proceeding N from KARLSRUHE at 1400A hrs, but it is as yet early to evaluate this information.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. Extremely poor visibility and the failure of the MODER River crossings and our subsequent reestablishment of the MLR caused a sharp decline in ey arty activity throughout the period. Night harassing was very light consisting solely of 4 to 12 rds concentrations in our forward areas. BISCHWILLER caught 4 rds of lt cal and 12 rds of med cal between 2140 and 2245 hrs. SCHWEIGHAUSEN (0024) received intermittent fire from 88s during the early part of the night. Mediums put 4 rds into the REIPERTSWILLER area at 2035 hrs and NEUBOURG (9626) was harassed with 4 rds lt cal at 1845 hrs. NEIDERSCHULTZBACH (8128) was shelled just prior to midnight. During the early hrs of the morning UHLWILLER (9424) was hit with 12 rds from 2 mediums and again at 0940 hrs 12 rds of 88. MORSCHWILLER and SCHWEIGHAUSEN were hit again around noon with 6 and 7 rds of lt cal while BISCHWILLER got 8 rds of med and 15 rds of lt cal at the close of the period. Ey arty activity, such as it was, confirmed the MERTZWILLER, ESCHBACH, and the ENGWILLER-ZINSWILLER region as the areas to watch for new ey btry locations.

Shellrep total: 20

79 Div	103 Div	14 AD	45 Div	405 Gp	2 FOB
7	5	2	1	1	4

b. Changes to Ey Btry List #22:

1. Additions:

Conc. No	Coords	acc	Source	No/Type
8041 NG	8064-4197	B	2 FOB-S	1/-
8830 NH	8815-3091	B	PW	4/75
9732 NF	9762-3267	B	2 FOB-S	1/Med

2. Deletions:

1309 ME	1909 KP	2011 MG	2015 MH
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3. Suspect List #22-3 (Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location):

818-467	6-7/-	PW	8978-3077	1/-	2 FOB-S
821-467	6/Nebel	PW	1146-1817	1/-	2 FOB-S
1160-2240	4/-	194 AOP	9512-3017	1/Med?	2 FOB-S
1129-2225	4/-	194 AOP	146-236	3/-	33 AOP
152-184	2/105	PW	164-231	2/-	33 AOP
8835-2984	1/-	2 FOB-S	124-148	3/-	33 AOP

Of seven sound locations received, two rated inclusion in the EB list, four were insufficiently accurately located, while one was too close in and is presumed to be that of an SP.

SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Despite poor visibility during the greater part of the period forward observers were able to fire many observed missions on close in targets consisting of personnel, machine guns, mortars, and vehicles.

With improved visibility during mid-afternoon the AOPs were able to conduct observed missions on tanks, vehicles, and personnel.

A harassing program was fired throughout the night on cy lines of communication.

At the request of 3 DL (French) the 36 Div Arty and 33 FA Brig fired TOT's at 2015 on personnel and vehicles in the woods N of GAMBESHEIM at R1030-1175 and R1010-1155.

At the request of 79 Div Arty the 33 FA Brig and 405 FA Gp fired TOT's on MERTZWILLER (Q96-30) at 2300 and on ESCHBACH (R00-30) at 2305.

While up registering his bn the 17 FA AOP observed 2 cy tanks at Q8520-3424. One was stuck and the other appeared to be trying to pull it out. The tanks were taken under fire by the 17 FA but no effect could be observed before visibility closed in forcing the plane down. Later a GOP of the 103 Div Arty adjusted the 995 FA on the same two tanks. A total of 15 rds were fired but again effect could not be observed due to visibility closing in.

At 1613 a AOP of the 35 FA Gp attempted to destroy the bridge at Q855-395. The 698 FA fired 11 rds but the mission was unsuccessful as no direct hits could be obtained.

405 FA Gp AOP adjusted B Btry 995 FA on the bridge at MERTZWILLER (Q960-295) from 1600 to 1643. A total of 17 rds were fired. The AOP then shifted the btry to a target consisting of vehicles and personnel at Q9568-2885. A total of 14 rds were fired. The AOP reported the area well covered and the target dispersed.

6 FA Gp AOP adjusted 36 FA on vehicles at R1180-2219. 15 rds were expended and area was reported as well covered.

79 Div Arty FO adjusted 634 FA on tanks and personnel at Q9680-2688. 32 rds were fired and area was neutralized.

194 FA Bn AOP adjusted his bn on horse-drawn vehicles entering the woods at Q963-286. 17 rds were fired and were reported right in the area.

904 FA FO adjusted 634 FA on tanks at R004-252. 67 rds were fired with one tank being reported as disabled.

155 FA GOP adjusted 36 FA on vehicles at R1407-2282. 12 rds HE and 1 rd WP were expended. Several probable hits were reported.

132 FA GOP adjusted 975 FA on vehicles at R1291-1333. 7 rds were fired. No visible effect was reported.

6 FA Gp AOP adjusted 975 FA on vehicles at R1100-2200. Area was reported as well covered.

6 FA Gp AOP adjusted 36 FA on vehicles at R1130-2187. 45 rds HE and 4 rds WP were fired. Area was well covered.

575 FA Bn was relieved from attachment to the Corps during the period.

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b. Summary of Missions Fired:

(1) Div Arty:

Type	14 AD		36 Div		45 Div		79 Div		103 Div	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB						2				
Per	1		16		6	1	4	16	22	12
Veh	1	3	1				8		4	1
MG & Mor			1		2		2		6	
Prop		3								
Armor			4				2		3	3
Def Fire							7			
Har		19		15		38	1	63		65
Reg	6		4		10		13		7	
Misc	2	6		5			5	61	1	1
Prop		5								
Total	10	36	26	20	16	43	35	147	43	83

(2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	1	11		2		5		
Per	1	9				6		1
Veh	5	1			2	5	1	
Armor	1	2	2			2	1	
Def Fire								1
Har		50		8		31		18
Reg	2		6		5		3	
Misc		18						
Destr			1		1			
Total	10	91	9	10	8	49	5	20

AQP Missions: 19

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Forward elements of the Corps are reported at the following points:

Q793375; Q804367; Q820372; Q840353; Q867307; Q880291; Q906272; Q950266; Q970262;  
R000243; R040247; R089205; R096189; R084152; R074147; R060123; R050123.

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ANNEX 1 TO PERIODIC REPORT

(Source: Arty Intell Report, 1 US Army, 20 Jan 1945)

EFFECT OF POZIT FUZED SHELLS

"Introduction: In spite of the employment of the Pozit fuze on the entire front, the enemy as recently as 14 January 1945 has taken no official notice of this new Allied weapon. Yet, in view of a steadily rising casualty list, the enemy can ill afford to ignore it and apparently has not realized that something new is being employed.

PWs Interrogated: The divisions affected most by the Pozit fuze shells were the 62 VG, 12 VG, 560 VG, '89 Inf and the 116 Pz. Therefore, PWs, from these Divs, who have been in the effective range of US Arty, were interrogated as to their observations. Most of the PWs, of course, had entrenched themselves so well, that they were completely ignorant that something different than the ordinary time-fuze was being used. The more observant ones, however, could give some information as to "what havoc shells with the new fuze wrought".

Enemy Casualties Through Pozit Acted Shells: Information of this kind must of necessity be fragmentary as only very few PWs can state with certainty by what type of shell burst their comrades were wounded or killed. These examples, however, were obtained:

1. 1 Bn 190 Regt 62 VG Div: PWs from this unit claim that the first time the new fuze was used, it accounted for 50% of the entire Bn personnel.
2. 6 Co 1130 Regt 560 VG Div: This Co made its first acquaintance with the shell on 2 Jan, 2200 hrs. 10 men out of 50 fell victim. This high figure is believed partially due to surprise and the fact that the Co could not spread out, being bivouaced between two minefields.
3. An AT Platoon of the 2 Bn 183 Regt 62 VG Div: 5 men were manning an AT gun when a single shell burst about 10 m above the AT gun. 3 men were severely wounded, a fourth was killed, and the gun damaged. Other PWs claim that the 2 Bn as a whole suffered approx 10% casualties due to the new shell.
4. 5 Co 1129 Regt 360 Div: On 26 Dec this unit was subjected to a Pozit concentration. One out of every three (several PWs confirmed this estimate) including Co CO Lt von STRIX, were killed.
5. A KG consisting of 5 Co and 7 Co of 1129 Regt with the combined strength of 30 men received shells with the new fuze at noon time on 5 Jan. Before they could take refuge in their bunkers, three dead and two wounded remained on the battlefield.
6. 8 Co 48 Regt 12 VG Div received its baptism on 12 Jan. In one of the platoons 6 out of a group of 10 men were injured.
7. The Rcn Bn of the 116 Pz Div was more fortunate. The shells, which were fired on 24 Dec, exploded too high (50-100 m above ground). The tanks stopped and foot troops took cover. No casualties resulted.
8. 13 Co 183 Regt 62 VG Div: The Volksgrenadiere of this Co suffered 10% casualties.
9. 2 Co 1128 Regt 560 VG Div was exposed to Pozit fire at different times and locations. The last time was at 1500 hrs 13 Jan. Altogether, the new Arty fuze accounted for about 30% of the personnel.
10. The 5 Btry 1560 Arty Regt 560 VG Div made a daylight march on Christmas day near BEEFE in the vicinity of SAMREE (F5182). This displacement cost the supply train 3 men and 16 horses, all killed by the new shell.

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Influence of Terrain on Effectiveness of New Fuze: Generally speaking, the casualties are higher among troops in the open than those in woods. Pine trees afford less protection against this shell than deciduous woods. The crowns of leaved trees are usually shot off, but the fragments lose their penetrating power to a large extent in this process. In villages the shell explodes anywhere from 2 to 20 m above the houses and does a thorough job of demolishing vehicles parked in the streets. Some of the fragments passed through windows and thin walls. Casualties among troops who had taken refuge in the houses were negligible. 5 Co 190 Regt 62 VG Div was stationed in a small village (PW did not know name). This village is situated in a valley parallel to the front and is about 1-1/2 - 2 km wide. The mountains bordering the valley are approx 500 m high. Our new shell was fired at this village on 2 Jan. In this case, however, the high mountain tops exploded the shells prematurely and they did no damage.

Another interesting sidelight on effectiveness of shells in wooded areas is related by PWs from the 8 Co 48 Regt 12 VG. They state that Pozit fuzed shells coming close to tree tops at a low angle explode at tree top level. Those, however, coming down almost vertically travel a distance halfway between ground and tree tops. PWs suggest that in wooded areas a high angle fire is more effective.

Depending upon the terrain, as outlined above, the effective radius of shell is said to be between 30 and 50 m. Also at times the air burst occurs at as low a height as 30 cm. Although it is realized that an estimate of this kind is extremely hard to make, there were too many PWs from different units concurring in this opinion, to discard such reports as unreliable.

PWs' Opinions About Shell: The German Command has apparently not as yet suspected anything new about our Arty fire, and so far among the plain Landers in the Arty units only the labelling stage has been reached. E.G.men from 5 Btry 1560 Arty Regt 560 VG state that they nicknamed this new type shell. It is called "Doppelzunder" when exploding in the open and "Baumkrepierer" (Treebuster) if activated by treetops. The same men also found some fuzes, but up to date no order has been issued to collect these for further investigation. PWs have a healthy respect for the new shell. Outside of the terrific effect it has on the morale of the enemy, there is the tangible result of dead and wounded. What particularly worried the enemy is the fact that even covered foxholes did not offer adequate protection. After having gone through one concentration of these air bursts, PWs from the 7 Co of the 190 Regt 62 VG state that although no casualties occurred when a single shell exploded, the entire company became panicky.

Some PWs offered suggestions about employment of the shell. One PW states that inasmuch as the first few shells only level the tree tops in wooded areas, subsequent high angle fire would - in the absence of these tree tops - be much more effective. A PW from the 8 Co 48 Regt "Suggested" that the shell be used primarily on hard surface grounds because the latter causes the fragments to ricochet which besides being more deadly is even more telling on the morale. PWs agree that it is practically impossible to take cover against these "Shrapnols". They expressed amazement that soldiers in foxholes up to 50 m away from point of burst were wounded. An added attraction of which PW signalmen complain, is the constant destruction of telephone and signal communication lines.

Closing Comment: At one bivouac, Lt Col YUETTEN, stepped out of his bunker and told the guards to be cautious, since the enemy was using phosphorous and "Shrapnols". This more than anything, shows that the enemy's higher officers have not found out any particulars about these new "bundles for Germany". (First Army PWI Report).

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

The Corps front was quiet throughout the night with only scattered patrol contact. Patrols found REIPERTSWILLER (8037) to be unoccupied but an undetermined number of enemy in position vic 786383, 789379 and 794377. A fire fight with a 15-18 man enemy patrol occurred at 0200A hours vic 918287. 36 Div patrols reached 115188, 126186 and 125178 without making contact. Factory at 06452295 was found abandoned by the enemy.

During the morning the Corps front was generally quiet with some vehicular movement vic ENGWILLER (9131), KINDWILLER (9029) HERRLSHEIM (1214), ROHRWILLER (1217) and SCHIRRHOFEN. Toward noon there was a brief SA fight vic ROTHBACH (8434).

To conclude one of the quietest days in recent weeks, the peaceful nature of the Corps front continued throughout the afternoon and was marred only by one round of 280 mm fire falling in PFAFFENHOFEN (9027) at 1600A hours, light harassing fire and occasional cy observed in North and Northeast HAGENAU around 1500A hours.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. The enemy artillery continued to remain suspiciously quiet throughout this period except for light, infrequent harassing fire. Visibility was very poor, due to the continual snow storm, but this cannot adequately explain the lack of activity, unless it is being used to cover considerable displacements. The light shelling was about equally divided in all sectors. During the night, the enemy harassed the KURTZENHAUSEN-GRIES area, WEYERSHEIM, BISCHWILLER, LICHTENBERG and vic 8725. Light calibers shot a few rounds in the course of the day into ZUTZENDORF (8628), DAUENDORF (9425), LICHTENBERG, KALTENHOUSE, and vic PFAFFENHOFEN, which also received one round of heavy caliber at 1558A.

Activity is too light to reveal the enemy's intentions, and thus no conclusions can be drawn from this passive attitude. Possible indications of a withdrawal or shift of main effort were several sound locations picked up in the KINDWILLER-LA WALCK area shortly after the close of the period, previous to an observed shoot by 103rd Div Arty on a moving horse drawn battery in the same area, suggesting that a show of activity was being simulated in this region. The single round of heavy caliber in PFAFFENHOFEN might be interpreted as a desire to impress on us the idea that no change in zone of main effort has occurred, since the heavy calibers, always accompanying the German offensive, are still present on the front. However, the small concentrations on ZUTZENDORF, PFAFFENHOFEN, and DAUENDORF may have been registrations for real or pretended offensive action in this sector. In previous withdrawals, the enemy has usually staged small attacks to cover it, and also considerably increases his artillery activity, but as yet the latter has not occurred.

Shellrep total: 25

103 Div	79 Div	45 Div	2 FOB	33 Brig
9	7	2	3	4

b. Changes to EB List #22

(1) Additions:

CONC NO.	COORDS	ACC	SOURCE	NO./TYPE
8242 NJ	822-427	B	PW	4/75
9031 NI	909-317	B	103 GOP	1/Lt

(2) Suspect List #22-4 (Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location)

1849-2241	13/105	PW
812-403	3/SP	PW
823-477	6-8/75 AT	PW

Sound and Flash: NTR.

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## SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. During the period visibility was very limited due to a low overcast. AOP's were unable to turn in any observed missions. GOF's and FO's of the Div Arty units were able to conduct a moderate number of observed missions on personnel, vehicles, armor, and also registrations.

Arty with the Corps continued its nightly harassing program throughout the night on enemy lines of communication.

The FO of Btry "C", 383 FA Bn adjusted his battalion on ey infantry in a house at Q8735-2979 at 2040A. One round of WP set the house on fire bringing Germans and civilians out into the open. An additional 15 rds of HE were fired. The FO reports that later some of the enemy came in and surrendered.

The 132 FA Bn fired time fire on groups of 20-30 ey at R082-121, R080-118, and R0867-1180 from 14155 to 1520A. The observer reported results as very good.

A ground observer adjusted the 155 FA Bn on tanks at R1161-1306 at 1555A. One hit was reported.

The 101st Airborne Div Arty is welcomed to the Corps. For positions occupied see change 6 to Station List No. 3, 21 Jan 1945.

### b. Summary of Missions Fired:

#### (1) Div Arty:

Type	14 ADA		36 IDA		45 IDA		79 IDA		101 ABA		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
Per	1		15		4	1	8		2	2	7	9
Veh							2					2
MG & Mor					1	1	4				3	
Armor			1								1	
Def Fires							3	23			4	2
Har		11		9		34		21		18		53
Reg	5		5		12		7		5		1	
Misc		12		5			8	8				1
Prop				46				2				4
TOTAL	6	23	21	60	17	36	32	54	7	20	16	71

#### (2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		3				1		
Per		3				7		
Har		40		16		17		
Misc						1		
TOTAL		46		16		26		

AOP Missions: None.

## SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. There are no changes in forward elements of the Corps to report.

b. Extract from G-2 Periodic Report No. 199, Hq 79 Inf Div, 252400 Jan 1945:

Distinctive Marking of Aircraft: By Jan 25 all aircraft of XII TAC will bear distinctive marking as follows:

a. P-51C (Photo) - Propeller spinner assemblies and fuselage nose structure section will be painted insignia red.

b. P-51D (Photo) - Propeller spinner assembly will be painted insignia red.

c. P-47 - Propeller dome and engine ring cowl (approx 14 inch width) will be painted insignia red.

d. Beaufighters - Propeller dome and forward engine cowling (14 inch width) will be painted insignia red.

d. Miscellaneous aircraft (B-25, A-20, UC-78, etc.) - Propeller spinners or domes, and engine ring cowl will be painted insignia red. (SUSA)

g. Troops are advised concerning the possible appearance of Russian C-47 aircraft bearing white numbers on the sides of the fin, carrying a red star with white edging on the underside of wings and both sides of fuselage and camouflaged dark grey and green.

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DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #142

SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE

... Ey ground activity continued almost negligible during the period. During the night 45 Div patrols located ey on hill at 851364, drew AW fire from 805375, and heard digging vic 836368. About 1830A hours a 20 man patrol attempted to infiltrate our lines vic 858325, but they were dispersed with casualties. Beginning at 1855A hours tracked vehicles and trucks were heard for two hours on SCHIRRHOFEN (R1322) - OBERHOFFEN (0919) - CAMP DE OBERHOFFEN (0821) road net. On 36 Div's front, patrols received MG fire from 098154 and 079141 and three tanks were reported in woods at 092145.

In the morning hvy MG fire was received vic 809371 after our patrol had passed position. Ey strongpoint vic 784381-789380 was encountered but patrol to Hill 343 (800381) found ey position recently unoccupied. Ey patrol of over 15 men crossed stream vic 097188 and were taken under fire with seven casualties and remainder dispersed.

During the afternoon ey arty and mortar continued lt and sporadic except in 36 Div sector where 200 rds, lt cal, landed in BISCHWILLER (0918) around 1600A hours, and some nebelwerfer fire was received in HANHOFFEN (0917). Several scattered, small ey groups and vehicles were reported in the HAGENAU - CAMP DE OBERHOFFEN (0822) area.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY

a. Over most of the front the slowly increasing ey arty activity was too lt to create a change in the sub-normal degree of harassing fire, but in the 36th Div sector the increase was more noticeable. The 101st sector received the largest amount of such fire as fell on the rest of the Corps front. During the night the ey shelled BISCHWILLER, GRIES, the woods at 0715, REIPERTSWILLER, and SCHWEIGHAUSEN drew a hvy concentration, possibly from tanks, at 2250A. A hvy cal gun fired 8-10 rds into the SAVERNE and DIMBSTHAL (7208) areas between 2200A and 0200A. Daylight activity consisted mainly of harassing our forward positions at BISCHWILLER, HANHOFFEN (0917), HAGUENAU, the woods at 0715, and in the woods between NEUBURG and SCHWEIGHAUSEN. OHLUNGEN (9723), PFAFFENHOFFEN and WEYERSHEIM were also hit. Generally concentrations averaged 10 to 30 rds, but BISCHWILLER received an estimated 200 rds at 1600A, which probably included mortar fire. Except for several sound locations in the UHRWILLER-LA WALCK area, very close to our front, the activity did not indicate any particular area as being unusually lively, and the responsible guns appeared to be as scattered as the shelling.

The hvy gun which shelled the SAVERNE-DIMBSTHAL area during the night, from examination of the fragments, is believed to be of 380mm cal, and very likely is a railroad gun. XV Corps Arty reports a gun of the same cal shelled vic SAARALBE (4844) between 0300 and 0515A on Jan 25th. Bearings from this shelling and from DIMBSTHAL intersect at 722-698, indicating that the gun is active on the railroad between ZWEIBRUCKEN and HORNBRACH, which is very favorable for railway gun operation. 3d Obsn Bn obtained two area plots during the time of the shelling last night at 716-673 and 728-670 which also fix the lair of the monster as this branch rail line. In keeping with the usual practice, the gun is probably hidden by camouflage or in a tunnel during the day, and occupies alternate firing positions at night.

Shellrep total - 49

101 Div	79 Div	33 Brig	103 Div	45 Div	2 FOB
9	6	(36 Div Sec)	3	2	7
		21			
			35 Gp		
			1		

b. Changes to EB List #22

(1) Additions:

8831 NK 8870-3104 B 2 FOB-S 1/-

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(2) Suspect List #22-5 (Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location):

8917-2884	1/-	2 FCB-S
9016-2912	3/-	2 FCB-S
8840-3040	3/-	2 FCB-S
9430-3140	2/-	2 FCB-S
8790-3010	3/-	2 FCB-S
8748-3008	3/-	2 FCB-S
9750-3367	1/-	2 FCB-S
9615-3571	1/-	2 FCB-S
8661-3158	3/SP	FW
893 - 293	1/-	FW

Sound was moderately active, with 9 locations reported, almost all of which it was impossible to connect with any shelling.

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS

a. A low ceiling and ground haze again gave very poor visibility. Even so, Div Arty units were able to conduct a fair number of observed missions on close in targets such as personnel, machine guns and mortars, vehicles, and registrations. Missions fired by the Corps Artillery during the period were all unobserved.

A fairly heavy harassing program was fired on lines of communication throughout the night.

The FO of the 384 FA Bn adjusted on an ey mortar and 3 personnel at 28802-3177 at 1705A. 24 rds were fired. 1 direct hit blew up the mortar and caused casualties among the personnel. Later, at 1730A, 4 additional personnel came up to inspect the damage and were immediately taken under fire. Four more casualties resulted.

b. Missions Fired:

(1) Div Arty:

Type	14 ADA		36 IDA		45 IDA		79 IDA		101 A/B		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB						1						2
Per			18		11	6	2		15		2	8
Veh							3	1				3
MG & Mor			1		1		2		2	3	3	
Prep							3			2		2
Armor			9				1		1			1
Def Fire			6	1							7	4
Har		8		12		35		41		24	3	40
Reg	7		3		4		12		6		5	
Misc	3	6	1	23				14	2			
Prop								2				
TOTAL	10	14	38	38	16	42	23	58	26	29	20	60

(2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		9				5		1
MG & Mor						2		
Def Fires		2						1
Har		49		11		12		14
Misc		7				1		
TOTAL	0	67	0	11	0	20	0	16

ADP Missions - 0

## SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS

No changes in forward elements.

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WEATHER CONDITIONS, UPPER RHINE VALLEY - FEBRUARYGeneral

February is the most favorable winter month for campaigning in the field. Rainfall reaches the lowest level for the year. Cloudiness is slightly less than at any time of the year except for the summer months. Temperatures, though slightly higher than in January, remain below freezing for considerable periods, assuring a firm foundation for maneuvering tanks and wheeled vehicles. In the air, cloudiness drops off and visibilities improve over the preceding months, providing an increased number of operational days for tactical air support. In all, February presents better weather conditions than either of the two preceding months or the two spring months to come.

Temperature

The mercury begins to rise in February. Averages are, in general; two to three degrees above those for January. Only at elevated points does the mean remain below the freezing point. Colmar with a mean of 36.9 degrees shows the highest average, while Grand Ballon in the High Vosges returns the lowest February mean of 24.9 degrees. Valley points, such as Strasbourg, Mulhouse, and Karlsruhe, enjoy a mean of 35 degrees. The highest temperatures ever registered in this area for the month fall in the high sixties, while below zero marks are still possible. Colmar once regarded 8.3 below zero. In an average February the mercury will rise to a maximum of 55 degrees and drop on the coldest day to a low of 10 degrees. To the east of the Black Forest slightly lower marks are observed. Donaueschingen has 28.0 and Munich 29.0 degrees in keeping with their more continental exposure.

## FEBRUARY TEMPERATURE MEANS

Saverne	35.1	Sarreguemines	35.2
Strasbourg	35.1	St. Blasien	28.5
Nancy	35.8	Karlsruhe	35.8

Precipitation

February is the driest month of the year. Cyclonic activity, which brings, so much moisture in off the North Atlantic, is much less pronounced than in any other winter month. Often a northeasterly circulation prevails for many days, bringing cold, dry air from the Great Russian Plains. Elevation and exposure are the chief determining factors in the rainfall pattern. Again the amounts received vary considerably in adjacent localities.

Valley locations, in general, receive less than two inches. New Breisach has a mean of 1.20 inches and all points in the Rhine Valley floor and Alsatian Plain have less than 1.60 inches. Similar figures obtain also in the Bavarian Plain with Donaueschingen in the rain shadow of the Black Forest, receiving only 1.20 inches. Further east there is a slight rise (Munich 1.9 inches), but nowhere does the amount exceed 2.0 inches. The Vosges and Schwarzwald show almost double and triple the rainfall of the valleys. Averages as high as 5.6 inches are reached at Ruhstein and Todtmoos in the High Schwarzwald. Even the hill country on either side of the Saar provides sufficient elevation to catch additional moisture. East of Trier the averages rise to 3.2 inches and in the Harzt Mountains to 2.4 inches. Snowcover reaches its maximum depth in late February. It is entirely dependent on altitude. At Strasbourg the average February snowfall amounts to only 0.8 inches and the greatest depth ever measured on the ground was 5.9 inches. Mountain stations in the Vosges and Schwarzwald report considerably greater depths. Feldberg in the Black Forest has an average February fall of 60 inches and a mean snowcover of 103 inches. Snow will measure somewhat deeper on Eastern slopes than on western. In the mountain passes of the Vosges and Schwarzwald snow drifts may form a serious obstacle to the movement of military traffic.

## Mean February Precipitation

Besancon	2.3 inches	Frankfurt	1.3 inches
Metz	1.5	Freudenstadt	4.7
Strasbourg	1.3	Nurnberg	1.1
Basel	1.5	Munich	1.3

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Cloudiness and Moisture

Cloud cover in the Rhine Valley, though less, than in January, continues to be considerable. Karlsruhe at 0800A has overcast conditions 57 percent of the mornings. The figure falls to 49 percent by noon and to 48.5 percent by 1900A. Thus, the sky may be expected to be overcast 50 percent of the time. Clear skies will prevail 20-25 percent of the time at Karlsruhe. Similar conditions are found over much of the area with mountain locations in the Vosges and Schwarzwald reporting slightly higher percentages of cloudiness.

Relative humidity is high. Southwesterly winds predominate and this brings moisture-laden winds from the Atlantic. Strasbourg shows an average morning relative humidity of 88 percent and a noon figure of 76 percent. These high figures prevent rapid drying, though occasionally this regime is broken when cold, dry winds sweep out of Russia and brings spells of very dry conditions.

Visibility

Visibility in the Rhine Valley is generally poor throughout February. Obstructions to vision in the form of precipitation, smoke, haze, or fog are present most of the time. At Karlsruhe visibility is better than 6 miles at 0800A only 27 percent of the time, and is below 2 1/2 miles 51 percent. There is a marked diurnal improvement in the morning hours, as over 54 percent of the noon observations show better than 6 miles. After sunset a rapid deterioration sets in. Often periods of very poor visibility tend to persist for several days. A haze layer settles near the ground, obscuring both horizontal and vertical sight. Sometime, however, the plateau regions west of the Vosges and east of the Schwarzwald are not affected by this haze layer which tends to settle over the Rhine Valley.

Wind

The prevailing wind over the entire area is Southwest. This flow is emphasized by the contours of the Rhine Valley trending north and south. 41 percent of all wind observations at Karlsruhe are from the southwest and Strasbourg shows 43 percent from South and Southwest. The second most frequent direction at Karlsruhe is Northwest with 20 percent, while Strasbourg tends to North and Northwest with 24 percent. All other directions occur less than 10 percent. Calms exist at Karlsruhe 8.2 and at Strasbourg 15 percent of the observations. Wind speed is low. A general average of 7-8 mph prevail over the entire area. Gales (over 32 mph) are seldom experienced, probably less than once a February.

Wind Direction

	N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW	Calm
Strasbourg	11	4	2	2	12	31	10	13	15
Metz	8	14	3	3	8	16	10	4	34

SUNRISE AND SUNSET TABLES FOR FEBRUARY 1945

Strasbourg 48 35N 07 45E 500 Feet

<u>February</u>	<u>Sunrise</u>	<u>Sunset</u>	<u>Moonrise</u>	<u>Moonset</u>	<u>Phase</u>
1	0758	1728	2150	1006	Full Moon
2	0757	1730	2253	1030	
3	0755	1731	2356	1050	
4	0754	1733	---	1111	Last Quarter
5	0753	1734	0059	1129	
6	0752	1736	0205	1159	
7	0750	1738	0310	1231	
8	0748	1740	0416	1330	
9	0746	1741	0519	1359	
10	0745	1743	0617	1459	New Moon
11	0743	1744	0707	1610	
12	0741	1746	0747	1731	
13	0740	1748	0826	1848	
14	0738	1750	0853	2010	

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<u>February</u>	<u>Sunrise</u>	<u>Sunset</u>	<u>Noonrise</u>	<u>Noonset</u>	<u>Phase</u>
15	0736	1752	0921	2130	
16	0734	1753	0947	2250	
17	0732	1755	1013	----	
18	0730	1756	1040	0008	First quarter
19	0728	1758	1111	0126	
20	0727	1759	1148	0239	
21	0726	1801	1231	0347	
22	0724	1803	1321	0448	
23	0722	1804	1419	0540	
24	0721	1806	1520	0623	
25	0719	1808	1625	0659	
26	0717	1809	1730	0710	Full Moon
27	0715	1811	1835	0752	
28	0713	1812	1939	0815	

For Civil Twilight subtract 37 minutes from sunrise and add 37 minutes to sunset.

All times are "A" Army Time or 15 Degrees East Time.

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

The night's activity consisted of scattered patrols and vehicular movement between GAMBSHEIM (1110) and HERRLISHEIM (1214), around OBERHOFFEN (0919) and between BITSCHOFFEN (9128) and KINDWILLER (9029). A PW from 7 Para Div captured vic 982285 by 101st AB Div stated this div was on the defensive.

During the morning a total of approx 75 ey in small groups and one horse-drawn arty piece were observed moving W into the woods at 095140. An estimated 50 ey in groups of 5 and 6 were seen pulling sleds from 056253 to 046254. AOPs reported scattered tanks on the 36 Div's front.

Between 1100A and 1400A hrs Tac/R planes reported motor vehicles and horse-drawn vehicles waiting at ferry site vic 170173. F/Bs attacked this traffic and it was later harassed by Long Toms. Traffic continued to flow both ways between SCHIRRHOFEN (1322) and OBERHOFFEN (0919), and between HERRLISHEIM (1214) and DRUSENHEIM (1518). In 45 Div's sector ey was also quiet and not aggressive. Our patrol encountered 15 ey at 795377 preparing defensive positions and groups of 15-30 personnel were observed at 846363, 797379 and 795386. The larger amount of vehicular traffic observed is interpreted as meaning a regroupment, rather than a withdrawal, is taking place. In 103 Div's sector, snipers in BITSCHOFFEN (9128) harassed our fwd positions and seven horse-drawn sleds, heavily laden, were seen vic 891314 moving towards UHRWILLER (8831).

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. Good visibility aided ey observation today but either from a desire to escape AOP adjusted CB or to keep his btrys unknown to us pending aggressive action on our part, the ey reduced his arty activity slightly from yesterday's light to moderate fire. Night harassment was very light; KURTZENHAUSEN and WINGEN (7435) being the only areas reported to have received as much as 15 rds. Except for 10-20 rd total harassing fires in HAGUENAU, the woods vic 8433 and 0815, and in the town of HOERIT, the daylight firing consisted mostly of 3 to 6 rd concentrations. These fell in NEUBERG (9626), WILDENGUTH, LICHTENBURG, SCHWEIGHAUSEN, and in various parts of HAGUENAU. This shelling, of light and medium calibers, appears to have been registrations, especially that in SCHWEIGHAUSEN and HAGUENAU, where it occurred both in the early morning and afternoon. Most of the fire was about evenly divided between the 101st, 79th, and 36th Div sectors. The active guns picked up today were mostly located in the ENGWILLER (9132)-GRIES area.

Shellrep total - 39

45 Div	79 Div	33 Brig	101 Div	103 Div	35 Gp	2 FOB
		(36Div Sec)				
3	6	16	7	1	2	4

b. Changes to Enemy Btry List #22.

1. Additions:

Conc No	Coords	Acc	Source	No/Type
9134 NN	9172-3447	B	17 AOP	-/-
9230 NP	9263-3029	B	2 FOB-S, PW	1/-
9331 NN	9360-3163	B	2 FOB-S	1/-
9532 NO	9540-3260	B	17 AOP	4/-
9935 NL	9932-3556	A	2 FOB-S	1/-

2. Deletions:

7845 KU	8040 JO	8242 HL	8446 HE
7940 HH	8242 LU	8445 J4F	8533 MZ

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## 3. Suspect List #22-5:

9156-2888	2/150	PW
901-318	1/SP	PW
9369-3085	1/150	PW
9210-3021	1/-	2 FOB-S
9640-3280	1/-	"
0070-3690	1/-	"
9344-3010	1/-	"
985-305	-/-	977 AOP

Following what seems to become a system, most of the 8 sound locations received were made during the late afternoon. Three of these found their way into the EB List (one being confirmed by a PW as a 2/150-btry). 8932 MY was confirmed, while an AOP confirmed 8831 NK at the following coord: 8890-3140.

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. During the night a harassing program was fired by the arty with the Corps on ey lines of communications, command posts, and assembly areas. A counter AA program was fired in support of attack bombers in the RUSENHEIM (1518) area during the afternoon; flight leader reported only two rds of flak fired at formation.

The visibility during the day was excellent; therefore the ground OP's and AOP's enjoyed many observed missions on ey personnel and miscellaneous type targets; however, the Germans failed to cooperate completely as their activity was kept to a minimum.

The 35 Gp AOP adjusted the 995 FA Bn on a suspected CP in a group of houses at 9070-3130. A total of 10 rds was fired from 1440A to 1508A and the observer reported that the houses were damaged. The same observer and same Bn fired 18 rds at 1628A on a bridge at 894-356, and reported 3 direct hits and believed bridge to be impassable.

The 194 FA Bn was adjusted by AOP on a group of houses believed to be a CP at 0525-2529. Fired 16 rds and one house destroyed and several hits on other houses reported.

The 975 FA Bn was adjusted by AOP on ey personnel at 1456-1662, 1086-2111, and 1184-1518 during the afternoon. A total of 25 rds was fired and ey dispersed with casualties.

The 977 FA Bn FO adjusted the 36 FA Bn on ey personnel and vehicles at 9624-3277 at 1627A. Fired 28 rds and 2 vehicles left burning and severe casualties inflicted on the personnel.

The 975 FA Bn was adjusted by AOP on ey tanks at 102140 at 1425A. Fired 23 rds and tanks were dispersed.

The 938 FA Bn ground OP adjusted the 977 FA Bn on ey personnel and probable gun at 9644-3251. A total of 94 rds was fired and observer reported personnel were dispersed and all work in area halted.

The 977 FA Bn ground OP adjusted the 938 FA Bn on 120 or more ey personnel at 1220A. Fired 32 rds and observer reported ey ran into dugouts when adjustment began and numerous hits were recorded on the dugouts.

The Div Arty ground observers fired many observed missions on ey personnel and the personnel were dispersed or forced to take cover in all instances.

## b. Missions Fired:

### (1) Div Arty:

	14 ADA		36 IDA		45 IDA		79 IDA		101 A/BD		103 IDA	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB												
Per	3	2	7		9		17	8	14	3	24	2
Veh	1	2					1		2	6	6	
MG&Mor							6		7		2	2
Prep										1		
Armor			2						2			
Def Fire				6							3	
Har		20		15		22	3	6		28		34
Reg	7		1		32		23		14		12	
Misc	5	4		27			10	1			2	4
Prop				10		1						1
Total	16	28	10	58	41	23	60	15	39	38	51	43

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(2) Corps Arty:

	6 Gp		33 Brig		35 Gp		405 Gp	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	1	9			2	5		2
Per	5						2	5
Vch							4	
Armor	1							
Har		43		3		9		16
Reg	10		2		7		7	
Misc							1	
Dest			2		4			
Total	17	52	4	3	13	14	14	23

AOP Missions - 35

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. No changes in forward elements.

b. The pyrotechnic SOI valid in the sector of C-in-C West is transmitted below:

Light Signals, Flares and Signal Ammunition, Recognition Signals

Alarm Signal (Army, Navy, Air Force)	1 white star as advance signal; 6 red stars
Emergency landing	Double or single star white and red, several times in rapid succession.
"We are here"	Single star white
"Advance barrage"	Single star green
"Request barrage"	Single star red
"Warning, armored attack"	Smoke signal, purple
Aircraft requesting marking of own OPL	2 red stars, each thereof dissolving into dark red smoke streak.

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ANNEX #1 TO PERIODIC REPORT #143

(Source: G-2 Periodic Report No. 153 Hq 45th Inf Div 27 January 45.)

Excerpts from Second Detailed interrogation of  
SS STANDAETENFUEHRER, (Col) HANS LINGNER, CO 17 SS FZ GREN DIV.

1. Intelligence Sources in 17 SS Div.

Source claims that his unit did not monitor Allied radio communications and that he had no deciphering unit (AUSWERTUNGSSTELLE). For this purpose special units were sent from Corps and Army Hq. In his Div sector he had one flash and sound ranging section which was under Army command.

For the most part PW relied on reconnaissance patrols and arty observers for information. He never experienced worthwhile results with long range reconnaissance patrols. Information brought back by such patrols after three or four days behind the Allied lines was too vague to be of any real value.

PW personally interrogated (he speaks some English) or was present at the interrogation of almost all PW captured by his Div. American PW readily revealed their units, but practically nothing else. He remarked that most American PW's were not at all worried about being captured because they were all convinced that the war would be over in two or three months.

Whatever other intelligence was available, and PW indicated that it was not very extensive, emanated from Army Hq.

2. Political Role of the WAFEN SS

The WAFEN SS is not an organization which functions as personal bodyguards of the political leaders of Germany, source was anxious to emphasize. He pointed to the abnormally high losses in the WAFEN SS, and to the fact that foreigners were allowed to enter its ranks. It would have been a simple matter for HIMMLER to gather into the WAFEN SS the best soldiers of Germany, but he did not do so.

In PW's own words, "When a WERMACHT div is honored by being given WAFEN SS status, it means that from that time on the div is able to share in the glory of all the gallant actions performed by the SS".

3. ARTILLERY

(a) German Arty Tactics

It is an iron-clad rule in the German Army, PW states, that on the defensive, when a position must be held for longer than eight days, two dummy btry's and one alternate position are to be constructed for every btry. The Allies should expect, on the average, one dummy btry for each real btry. The main purpose of the dummy btry's is to deceive Allied air observers. For this purpose a couple of men are permanently stationed in the vic of the dummy position when an Allied observation plane appears, making no attempt to conceal themselves and, in fact, going about their business of cutting logs which are then piled up to resemble arty shells.

Every night one roaming gun of each btry of PW's Div would move to the dummy btry and fire a couple of rounds. This is a simple matter in motorized units. The tracks of the guns are left undisturbed. During daytime, the men assigned to the dummy positions fire some firecrackers (called ARTILLERIE SCHEINFEUER). The flash and noise of these firecrackers correspond very closely to those of live shells. Source claimed that very often Allied arty fired hundreds of rounds into these dummy positions.

(b) Allied Arty

In PW's opinion Allied arty is excellent technically. The condition of the gun barrels results in almost perfect accuracy, so good, in fact, that German soldiers remain in their positions when a target is under fire, so long as they are not too close to it. The Germans have perfect confidence in Allied arty to stay on the target.



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Source criticizes Allied arty for destroying entire villages "without reason". German soldiers are able to take good cover in cellars, the ceilings of which they support with tree trunk logs. The rubble of the destroyed houses caving in upon the cellar ceiling gives adequate protection.

Allied btry's also come in for criticism for inadequate camouflage, although source added that camouflage was hardly necessary any longer because German counter-btry fire is almost non-existent. German doctrine calls for the expenditure of 350 rounds of 150 mm ammunition to destroy a btry, but German arty can no longer afford to pay such a price.

### 4. FIGHTING DELAYING ACTIONS.

Delayed action fighting (EINHALTENDER KAMPF) is no longer part of the German military vocabulary, according to LINGNER. The general seriousness of the situation, the nearness of the front lines to Germany, and the lack of heavy weapons no longer permit a unit commander to wage delaying actions. In cases of defensive fighting German troops have to defend their positions up to a certain time or date fixed in advance. This is called time limit resistance (ZEITGRENZTER WIDERSTAND). According to PW, this principle saved the German Army from complete collapse after the invasion of France. A position which has been overrun by tanks and not occupied by inf can still be defended, according to this principle. Time after time source experienced situations wherein tanks had to pull back because inf could not follow up. If German troops are cut off temporarily, they have orders to form a strong-point in the rear of the enemy lines so as to cut his supply lines. Source stated that losses so sustained were not as high as might be expected because he noticed many soldiers - the good ones - making their way back to their own lines after having accomplished their mission. He cited EASTOGNE as an example of this kind of fighting, and maintains that the stubborn resistance of the defenders of that town prevented the German Army from rushing through France.

### 5. GUERRILLA WARFARE.

PW does not believe there will be any large-scale guerrilla warfare inside Germany, because he does not think that guerrilla warfare is suitable to the German character. Nevertheless, he warns, there are some "patriotic" organizations which will engage in such acts of sabotage as derailing trains and blowing up bridges.

### 6. INTELLIGENCE.

#### a. German

LINGNER stated that the ABWEHR is far from being what it was before its struggle with the SD. He attributes the heavy setbacks of the German Army in France to the complete failure of German intelligence. Even on the SAAR front, the intelligence bulletins he received from higher Hq gave only very general and sketchy information on the moves of Allied divs. As an example he cites the attack of 1 Jan 45. He was not informed, he pointed out, that 2 French Armored Div was in SAAREBOURG. Only from American PW did he learn that there was some armor, possibly French, in the vic of SAAREBOURG.

A few days before the attack started he noticed that units of 36 Div which had been in the line had been withdrawn, but he was unable to find out where the remainder of the Div was located. PW thinks that the German Command assumed that 36 Div had been shifted to Belgium. When PW reached his assigned objectives he continued to press infantry forward on his own initiative until he captured two French PW from 2 French Armored Div. By that time his assault guns had reached the village of ACHEN. He immediately reported the presence of 2 French Armored Div, whereupon he was ordered by XIII Corps to withdraw to his former objective. It is his opinion that the German Command feared a counterattack by 2 Div, possibly in conjunction with 36 Div.

#### b. Allied

In the course of the attack of 2 Jan PW's Div captured an American Bn CP, including a situation map. The information on it seemed very sketchy and incomplete. He noticed on the map that the dummy btry positions had deceived the Americans.

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In Normandy source captured a British Bn CO's map and was amazed at the accuracy of the information it contained. It was so accurate, in fact, that he used it for his own purposes.

7. MISCELLANEOUS OPINIONS

PW does not count on new weapons, nor does he believe in a final German victory. He thinks that Germany will be able to keep the war going long enough for Russia and the US to fall apart, and fears American occupation of Germany more than Russian. As he puts it, a "blood bath" will take place when the Americans get into the Reich.

Source does not think the German people will overthrow HITLER. He believes Nazism is a part of the German people (EIN BESTANDTEIL DES DEUTSCHEN VOLKES).

As far as manpower is concerned, Germany will always have enough. New age groups will be called up, he believes, and the fixed defenses can be manned by VOLKSSSTURM.

He believes that the offensive in Belgium was launched in order to relieve the RUHR and that it succeeded in its purpose.

(Source: MJ 500, CSDIC, SEVENTH ARMY).

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HEADQUARTERS VI CORPS ARTILLERY  
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Auth: CG VI Corps Arty  
Init:         
Date: 30 Jan 45  
From: 291800A Jan 45  
To : 301800A Jan 45

DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #144.

SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

At 1830A hours, following a short mortar and arty preparation, undetermined number of ey attacked 45 Div's outpost in SAEGMUHL (795375) and forced them to withdraw; at 2100A hours, 45 Div counter attacked and reoccupied these positions without contact. Patrols on the Corps front during the night drew fire from the following points: 797377, 033245, 031244, 114270 and 100195.

During the morning the ey's inactivity continued. Small number of ey and vehicles were observed at 802405, between NIEFFERN (8729) and UHFWILLER (8831) and vic OBERHOFFEN (0920). PW reports 500 ey troops in BITSHOFFEN (9128).

In the afternoon 79 Div reported that 50 ey vic 081212 were dispersed by our arty. Small groups of ey were observed moving vic MULHAUSEN (8631) and NIEFFERN (8729). A 36 Div patrol entered woods at 094146, penetrated 100 yards, and emerged to E without encountering ey but found many mines and booby traps. Another patrol reached canal vic 100133 without contact. In 45 Div's sector ey's activity was confined to light and scattered mortar fire in WILDENGUTH-REIFERTSWILLER area 101 Airborne observed 3 tanks at 970268 at 1720 hrs and reported ey fired propaganda leaflets into our troops; despite reports, the ey must have a sense of humor.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. Despite a marked reduction in the 36th Div sector, overall enemy artillery activity, though still light, increased slightly during the period. Almost all the fire fell in that part of the Corps sector between PRAFFENHOFFEN and BISCHWILLER, with the latter town and HAGUENAU being the most favored areas. Again most of the concentrations were small, from 3 to 6 rounds, indicating registration missions, and no shelling reported exceeded 20 rounds. Night harassing fire was very light with BISCHWILLER and the 8824 area being hit with a few rounds. The middle hours of the day were the most active period, with various parts of HAGUENAU, MULHAUSEN, the woods between NEUBURG and SCHWEIGHAUSEN, BISCHWILLER, and KALTENHOUSE all being shelled. The enemy also fired deeper into our rear area than is usual, for MOMMENHEIM, WUTTERSHEIM (9420) ALTECKENDORF (9021), and the 8824 area received light concentrations, that in ALTECKENDORF being reported as 170 mm. No aerial photos were obtained yesterday over the Corps front, but those taken in the XV Corps sector disclosed that the suspected 380 mm gun location at HORNBACH may be right for several trains of cars were observed on the railroad, and a possible blast mark was found at 7298-6291. XV Corps Artillery has corrective measures ready for the next appearance of this big gun.

Shellrep total: 36

79 Div	101 Div	14 AD	103 Div	33 Brig	405 Gp	45 Div
15	7	4	3	5	1	1

b. Changes to EB List #22.

(1) Additions:

CONC NO.	COORDS	ACC	SOURCE	NO./TYPE
8539 NS	854-390	B	45 AOP	1/-
9035 NT	9009-3571	B	103 AOP	4/HAA
9330 NU	9365-3087	B	PW	4/105
1110 Nq	114-107	B	33 AOP	-/-
1311 NR	1300-1178	B	33 AOP	4/-

(2) Deletions:

1011 MM

Sound and Flash: NTR

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## SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Despite the generally poor visibility prevailing throughout the day, AOP's were able to turn in a few missions and FO's with the infantry were able to adjust on close in targets consisting of personnel, vehicles, machine guns, mortars, and tanks. The preponderance of the remaining missions fired were on unobserved counterbattery and harassing targets.

The FO of Btry "A", 383 FA Bn adjusted his battalion at 1015A on cy inf in a house at Q8484-3390. 8 rds were fired with 3 direct hits being obtained. At 1045A personnel were observed coming out of the house. 6 more rds were fired with 10 casualties being inflicted.

At 1120A the 103 Div Arty ACP adjusted the 384 FA Bn on 20 cy personnel around 4 Heavy AA positions at Q9009-3571. Good effect was reported. At 1225A a TOT was fired on this target by the 103 Div Arty, 35th and 405th FA Groups.

132 FA Bn fired two missions after dark on flashes at R0953-1395 and R0828-1308. Results could not be observed but the guns were silenced.

At 1625A an inf observer adjusted the 499 AFA Bn on 3 tanks at Q9702-2680. A total of 49 rds were fired but effect could not be determined due to the large amount of smoke in the area.

### b. Summary of Missions:

#### (1) Div Arty:

Type	14 ADA		36 IDA		45 IDA		79 IDA		101 A/B		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB			2		1				1		3	
Per			9		7	1	9	2	16	1	12	3
Veh			1		2						1	
MG & Mor					1	33	1		3	3	2	
Armor	1						2		1	3	1	
Def Fires												3
Har		16		8		26		32		37		28
Reg	1		10		20		7		4		3	
Misc		3		5			3	6		2	2	
TOTAL	2	19	22	13	31	30	22	40	24	47	21	37

#### (2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		8		1		7		1
Per		1						
Har		37		14		15		1
Reg	1		1					
Dest			1					
TOTAL	1	46	2	15		22		2

## SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

### a. Forward elements:

Q750413, 758408, 763383, 785379, 810365, 814371, 820372, 860320, 882288, 905275, 955266, 985256, R001248, 028243, 065230, 095188, 084153, 074146, 060123.

b. NOTICE: The pyrotechnic SOI published in this paragraph of Periodic Report #143, 291800 January 1945, is part of a captured German SOI and is for the benefit of our OPs to facilitate the interpretation of cy flares observed at night.

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Date: 31 Jan 45

From: 301800A Jan 45

To : 311600A Jan 45

DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #145

## SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE

During the night friendly patrols made contact at Q786386, R045245 and R095150. 36 Div patrols found extensive minefield from R077119 to R088119 and 103 Inf Div and 101 Airborne Div patrols heard ey digging and felling trees between the 9328 and 8829 squares. Two deserters from 2 Co, 6 SS Rcn Bn stated bn was in position vic Q810375.

Arty fire remained lt and scattered. Estimated coy of inf and some vehicles were taken under fire at R053263. 2 PW's from Escort Coy, 10 SS Pz Div were taken at R130190.

Activity during the afternoon was confined to 12 ey seen moving from BITSCH-OFFEN (9128) to MIETESHEIM (9331), 20 ey digging vic 124219 and slight vehicular traffic moving SW from 064259. 79 Div reported med cal fire falling vic 039249 at the rate of 1 rd per minute between 1445A and 1515A and hvy cal harassing our fwd elements vic HAGENAU. 45 Div reported an increase in arty fire between 1320A and 1345A vic WILDENGUTH (7837).

## SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY

a. In general, the pattern of ey arty activity changed very little during the period, remaining lt with the major portion of the fire directed into the central sectors of the front especially in vic of BISCHWILLER and HAGUENAU. Another day of very lt shelling in the right flank sector is additional evidence that the ey has withdrawn most of his arty from the old bridgehead area, at least on this side of the river. Concentrations continued to consist mainly of only 3 to 6 rds, with the adjustment on the BISCHWILLER bridge for the second day being one of the targets. One outstanding event of the day was a 100 rd 75mm concentration from one btry that was laid on our forward positions vic WILDENGUTH (7837) at 1350A. Little reason for the action is apparent, though it strongly suggests a btry shooting up its excess ammo before departing. Night activity, as is now usual, was very lt, a few rds being thrown into MUHLHAUSEN, ALTHORN, KALTENHOUSE, and BISCHWILLER. Except for 3 rds hvy cal on the front line vic NIEFFERN (8630) and 15 rds lt cal in the REIPERTSWILLER area, the daytime shelling fell mainly in the vic of HAGUENAU, KALTENHOUSE, and BISCHWILLER. Though rather scattered, some of these concentrations appear to be check shoots on possible river crossing sites or approach routes through these towns.

Shellrep total - 32

45 Div	79 Div	103 Div	101 Div	405 Gp	2 FOB	33 Brig
3	16	4	3	1	2	3

b. Changes to EB List #22

(1) Deletions:

1010 MV	1212 MK	1315 MN	1411 UK
1110 NQ	1223 MW	1318 MU	2012 KW

(2) Suspect List #22-5

(Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location):-

9580-3222	2/-	977 GOP
962 - 287	4/75	PW
957 - 286	4/75	PW
880 - 327	1/88	103 GOP
901 - 292	1/-	995 GOP
8750-3246	1/-	383 GOP
940 - 285	1/-	409 Inf
1168-2125	1/-	33 AOP
1139-1409	1/-	33 AOP

Sound and Flash - NTR

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS

a. During the night a normal harassing program was fired by the arty with the Corps over the entire Corps front. The Corps Arty fired 57 harassing missions for a total of 536 rds.

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The Div Artys fired numerous observed missions on ey personnel which were mostly observed by the forward observers.

During the day the 977 FA Bn AOP adjusted his bn on an ey tank at Q925290. A total of 17 rds was fired and in precision adjustment a direct hit was obtained and the tank was left burning.

At 1304A the 938 FA Bn FO adjusted his bn on estimated 20 ey personnel at Q86413397. Thirteen rds were fired and first rd landed right in the middle of the group and many casualties were observed. This observer also adjusted the same bn on estimated platoon of ey inf at Q86463405; 15 rds were fired and the ey was dispersed.

At 1155A the 194 FA Bn AOP adjusted his bn on ey tanks at R04522550. A total of 16 rds was fired and one direct hit was observed with several near hits.

The 975 and 194 FA Bn attempted to destroy bridge at R159180 and an adjustment was obtained in both instances but limited visibility made it impossible to observe results of fire for effect. A total of 22 rds was fired.

The 36 Div Arty AOP adjusted the 975 FA Bn at 1555A on two guns at R13951409. Thirty-eight rds were fired and no further activity noted in area.

The 33 FA Brig AOP adjusted the 634 FA Bn on an ey tank at R04352535 at 1117A. A total of 30 rds was fired but smoke in the target area made it impossible to observe the fire for effect.

At 1405A the 382 FA Bn GCP adjusted the 995 FA Bn on a tower at Q89812923. A total of 27 rds was fired and 6 target hits obtained. Tower was partially destroyed and declared to be unusable by observer.

b. Summary of Missions:

Type	<u>14 ADA</u>		<u>36 IDA</u>		<u>45 IDA</u>		<u>79 IDA</u>		<u>101 A/B</u>		<u>103 IDA</u>	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB					1	16			2	2	1	
Per	1		7		15	3	7	3	10	2	12	2
Veh	2		1				4				2	
MG & Mor					3		3	1	2	3	2	
Armor					4	2			2		1	
Def Fire				3			1					
Har		11		8		25			13	2	28	
Reg	6		13		9		19		6		6	
Misc	2						6	3			5	
TOTAL	11	11	21	11	32	46	40	7	20	20	32	31

(2) Corps Arty:

Type	<u>6 Gp</u>		<u>35 Gp</u>		<u>405 Gp</u>		<u>33 Brig</u>	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	2	4	1	3		3		
Per			1		4			
Veh					1			
Armor	1				1		1	
Har		25		13		17		
Reg	8		2		3		3	
Dist	1		1				1	0
TOTAL	12	29	5	16	9	20	5	0

AOP Missions - 23

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS

No change in forward elements.

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HEADQUARTERS VI CORPS ARTILLERY  
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Auth: CG VI Corps Arty  
Init: 100  
Date: 1 Feb 45  
From: 311800A Jan 45  
To: 011800A Feb 45

DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #146.

SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Ey remained alert and sensitive to our patrol activity. 79 Div patrols engaged ey in fire fight at RR station vic R-088211 and along river between RR station and OBERHOFFEN.

A treadway bridge vic R-102184 was completed at 0930A.

Ey was generally inactive in the 45th Div zone except for S/A's exchanges SE of SARREINSBERG Q-7441.

Nine ey Inf were seen digging defensive positions vic Q922285 at 1435A. Three ey Inf were seen entering dug out vic Q922235. The rest of the 101st A/B sector was generally quiet. Small groups of ey were reported entering HUNDSHOF R-0326 from N throughout the afternoon including several vehicles and two bicycles.

36th Div's attack on OBERHOFFEN met with Inf resistance initially and later developed into a C/A of 6 to 10 ey tanks. Six to eight ey tanks were reported controlling the triangle of OBERHOFFEN vic R-098198 and two near RJ at 098195.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. Overall enemy artillery activity increased slightly during the period, but since the bulk of the fire fell in the zone of the 36th Div attack, and to a lesser extent in the 45th Div sector, the activity in these two areas, especially the former, showed considerable increase. Artillery reaction to the 36th Div attack was rather slow in coming, and thus the night shelling was light, SCHWEIGHAUSEN, HAGUENAU, and BISCHWILLER, receiving several 15-30 round concentrations. Concentrations during the day were generally heavier than we have received the past few days. BISCHWILLER and OBERHOFFEN were the chief targets for intermittent mixed caliber shelling, varying from 10 to 30 rounds. Just before noon OBERHOFFEN was heavily shelled in what appears to have been a coordinated, massed shoot. HAGUENAU and KALTENHOUSE received less fire than usual, as the enemy apparently concentrated on the attack zone as soon as he determined its extent. In the 45th Div sector, each of the old familiar places, LICHTENBERG, WILDENGUTH, REIPERTSWILLER, received 5-15 round concentrations, but ALTHORN was subjected to 75 to 80 rounds from a medium caliber battery at 1750A.

Shellrep total: 58

79 Div	36 Div	45 Div	101 Div	33 Brig	405 Gp	6 Gp
18	20	7	4	4	1	4

b. Changes to EB List #22:

(1) Suspect List #22-6 (Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location.)

9990-2585	4/75	PW
1492-1841	-/-	194 AOP
163-208	1/-	33 AOP
136-327	1/Nebel?	33 AOP

Sound and Flash: NTR.

SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. A scheduled harassing program was fired over the entire Corps front by the artillery with the Corps. The Corps Artillery fired 49 harassing missions and a total of 402 rds.

A preparation was fired by the 101 Airborne Arty and Corps Arty from 0300A to 0600A for limited objective attacks in their sector which was designed as a diversion to the attack in the 36 Division sector. A counterbattery program was also fired.

Visibility during the period was limited but the FO's did get some shooting on close in ey personnel targets. The AOP's were greatly hindered by the poor visibility and the thaw also made some landing strips unusable.

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The 995 FA Bn FO adjusted the 938 FA Bn on cy vehicles and personnel at Q9112-3175. A total of 26 rds was expended and the observer reported that the vehicles were dispersed and one rd landed in the group of personnel and casualties inflicted.

The 101 Airborne Div Arty AOP adjusted the 907 Glider Bn on ammunition vehicles at Q961283 during the morning. With the aid of the 242 FA Bn a total of 48 rds was fired and one vehicle was destroyed and two others badly damaged; casualties were also inflicted on cy personnel in the same area.

The 698 FA Bn AOP adjusted his Bn on the RR station at R0864-2105 at 1455A. Ten rds were fired and the roof was knocked off the building and the rest of building badly damaged.

The 384 FA Bn FO adjusted his Bn on cy OP in church steeple at Q8980-2925 at 1145A. A total of 21 rds was fired and 9 direct hits recorded and church steeple reported destroyed.

The 383 FA Bn FO adjusted his Bn on 10 cy digging in at Q8725-3286. Twelve rounds of "time fire" was fired at 1350A and 5 casualties were observed.

The 977 FA Bn GOP adjusted the 995 FA Bn on cy tank at Q9310-2780; nine rds were fired and tank was forced to seek cover.

## b. Summary of Missions:

### (1) Div Arty:

Type	14 ADA		36 IDA		45 IDA		79 IDA		101 A/B		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB			1			6	1		2	1		
Per			12		4		9	2	6		5	1
Veh			1				1		3			
LG & Hbr			1		3	1	3		2	4		
Prep		6		1				1		27		
Armor					2		1			5		
Def Fires		3		1			1					
Har		14		2		35		19		40		32
Reg	4		12		6		4				4	
Misc	5	2					6	4			2	
TOTAL	9	25	27	4	15	42	26	26	13	77	11	33

### (2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	1	8		1				3
Veh					2	2		
Prep		10						
Armor			1		1			
Har		54		7	1	18		21
Reg	5		3		2		3	
Dest							1	
	6	72	4	8	6	20	4	5

AOP Missions: 13

## SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

No change.

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## DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #147.

## SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Ey remained sensitive to our activity. A 15 man ey patrol made 3 attempts to enter SAEGMUHL (Q-7937). All were repulsed, with a report of 11 ey killed in town. Ey continued his determined resistance in OBERHOFFEN (R-0920) where ey Inf and 3 tanks continued to hold out. Ey planes strafed OBERSOULTZBACK (Q-8028) and ZUTZENDORF (Q-8628) during the morning.

Ey opposed our patrols to Q-772387 with S/A fire, and M/P fire from Q-771390. Passive defense continued on the rest of the 45th Div front. 3 ey tanks were fired on by the 103rd Div at Q-87943166, one reported destroyed and one was seen smoking. 1 ey tank was reported destroyed by 101st A/B. The 79th Div sector was generally quiet. Some vehicular traffic was observed on road between SESSENHEIM (R-1822) and SCHIRRHOFEN (R-1322) throughout the afternoon. A patrol of the 117th Rcn patrol encountered M/G fire vic R-121122 at about 1325A.

## SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. The pattern of the ey artillery activity changed very little during the period with the bulk of fire falling in the BISCHWILLER, HAGUENAU, SCHWEIGHAUSEN area. Activity in both the right and left flank was light, however in the 45th Div sector the shelling was switched from the forward elements to the WIMMENAU and WINGEN areas where 20 rds were reported during the night. Lt and med calibers were active prior to midnight and harassed our forward elements from HAGUENAU to BISCHWILLER with several lt concentrations, including one of 25 rds and another of 40 rds in the N.E. section of BISCHWILLER. SCHWEIGHAUSEN caught 6 rds of lt cal during the early morning hours and again around noon. 40 rds of mixed cal. were fired into BISCHWILLER at noon and fwd elements of the 101 Div were harassed lightly at the same time. The inf. in WILDENGUTH and to the N.W. were the target for 15 and 30 rds respectively of lt cal. just prior to the close of the period, while one med. fired a few rds into PFAFFENHOFFEN and SCHWEIGHAUSEN and BISCHWILLER were again the target for 25-30 rd concentrations of lt cal.

Shellrep total: 42

101 Div	79 Div	45 Div	36 Div	33 Brig	405 Gp	6 Gp
10	18	4	2	4	1	3

b. Changes to EB list #22:

(1) Additions:

CONC. NO.	COORDS.	ACC	SOURCE	NO/TYPE
1518 NW	1522-1841	B	6 AOP	3/-
1726 NV	172-265	B	Vic AOP	4/88

(2) Suspect List #22-7 (Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location.)

130-179	2/88	FW
7933-4016	1/-	171 GCP
1668-2051	1/-	6 AOP

Sound and Flash: NTR.

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. During the night artillery with the Corps fired a series of TOT's and a counterbattery program in support of a raid made by 79th Inf Div.

Harassing fire was placed on 26 pt's over the Corps front during the night.

With requisite visibility available for the first time in several days, 698 FA Bn AOP honored a request from 103 Inf Div by adjusting 698 FA Bn on a bridge at Q921339. 21 rds were fired. The mission was completed at 0900A with the bridge destroyed.

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6 FA Gp AOP registered 36 FA Bn on a bridge at R14740806. Later the observer noticed personnel working around the bridge so he called for fire for effect. 9 rds were dropped on the location. The effect was excellent, causing the personnel to scatter and starting a large fire.

At 1053A, 977 FA Bn FO adjusted 938 FA Bn on an A/T gun, with personnel, at Q91522854. 2 direct hits are claimed on the gun and 3 casualties were noted. The observer saw the remainder of the personnel, estimated at 1 platoon, disappear into houses at Q91542855 so he shifted fire to that area. 1 house was destroyed three others started burning, and a loud explosion, indicating a hit on an ammo dp. was heard during fire of 30 rds for effect.

The 977 FA Bn FO adjusted 938 FA Bn on cy personnel at Q893317. 8 rds were fired at 1105A. The observer could report no effect other than area well covered.

The 928 FA Bn FO adjusted his Bn on 10 cy personnel in a house at Q86233473. Out of 28 rds fired, 7 hits were made on the bldg.

A pillbox at R147133 was badly damaged by a direct hit from 698 FA Bn. 698 FA Bn AOP made the adjustment which was completed at 1200A. A total of 15 rds were fired with 7 very near misses reported in addition to the target hit.

At 1315A VI Corps AOP adjusted 634 FA Bn, and 405 FA Gp AOP adjusted 977 FA Bn on a group of cy vehicles reported between Q96142981 and Q96072957. 634 FA Bn fired 25 rds HE and 2 rds smoke in the area, while 977 FA Bn expended 38 rds. At least one vehicle was destroyed, along with probable hits on several others, and the rest were dispersed.

Personnel at R12521440, firing a machine gun at 939 FA Bn AOP, received 53 rds in return when the observer adjusted his Bn on them. The area was well covered and activity from that vicinity ceased.

938 FA Bn fired 25 rds on 5 cy vehicles at Q90563273. AOP made the adjustment at 1515A. 1 vehicle was destroyed and the others were scattered.

103 Inf Div Arty AOP located 3 tanks at Q879345. The observer first fired 384 FA Bn. 1 tank was knocked out by a direct hit. Another was stopped by what the observer reported as 2 ricochet bursts off of the tank itself. The last tank moved away so 17 FA Bn was brought in on it. When last seen the tank appeared to be on fire and smoking badly. An interesting sidelight to this mission occurred when one of the rds made a direct hit on a dugout where inf had been noted. Flame and smoke caused by the rd indicated a hit on ammo.

36 FA Bn AOP fired 63 rds from 36 FA Bn on a 3/G Btry at R15221841. The observer reports a hit on one of the guns.

36 FA Bn fired on 1 gun at Q16682051. 6 FA Gp AOP made the adjustment at 1755A. 24 rds neutralized the gun effectively.

A house at R03122609, behind which personnel and tanks had taken cover, was destroyed by 194 FA Bn. 8 rds were fired with 5 of them hitting the bldg. 310 FA Bn FO completed the adjustment at 1704A.

939 FA Bn AOP conducted an unusual mission by registering in and giving surveillance to a harassing mission by his Bn on a bridge site at R171173. A total of 30 rds were placed on the area between 0930A and 1130A. All rds were reported in the immediate vicinity of the tgt.

## b. Summary of Missions:

### (1) Div Arty:

Type	14 ADA		36 IDA		45 IDA		79 IDA		101 A/B		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB			1		5				2	1		
Per	2		25		1	5	6	1	17	4	8	4
Veh								1	1			
MG & Mor	1				4		3		1	2		
Prep	1						9		1	6		
Armor			3		1							
Def Fires				7							1	
Har		8	13		21		7		12		27	
Reg	6		16		19		6		7		15	
Misc	5	3					8		2	2	3	
Prop					1							
TOTAL	15	11	45	20	25	32	15	4	30	27	27	31

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(2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		33 Brig		35 Gp		405 Gp	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	2	17				4		9
Per	2	1	1	2	2		2	
Veh	1						2	
Prep				4				
Armor					1			
Def Fires				1				
Har	1	24		7		9		8
Reg	11		1		2		10	
Misc							1	
Doat	1		1		1			
TOTAL	18	42	3	14	6	13	15	17

AOP Missions: 37

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Forward elements of the Corps are reported at the following points:

Q-750413, Q-764383, Q-785379, Q-810365, Q-820372, Q-864315,  
Q-898276, Q-938272, Q-982257, R-001247, R-029243, R-065230,  
R-087205, R-095205, R-103203, R-097191, R-185153, R-163131,  
R-110118.

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ANNEX 1 TO PERIODIC REPORT NO. 147.

(Source: G-2 Report, 103 Div, 31 Jan 1945)

6 SS MOUNTAIN DIV "NORD": The infrequent apprehension of PWs from arty units, largely due to their position in the rear, necessarily limits the following survey. However, it is believed that the 6 SS Mountain Div follows the T/O to a great extent.

6 SS Mtn Arty Regt:

T/O  
I Bn:  
Hqs  
1 Btry - 4 Mtn How 7.5 cm  
2 Btry - 4 Mtn How 7.5 cm  
3 Btry - 4 Mtn How 7.5 cm

II Bn:  
Same as I Bn

III Bn:  
Hqs  
7 Btry - 4 Mtn How 10.5 cm  
8 Btry - 4 Mtn How 10.5 cm  
9 Btry - 4 Mtn How 10.5 cm

IV Bn: (Mech).  
Hqs  
10 Btry - 4 med how 15 cm  
11 Btry - 4 med how 15 cm  
12 Btry - 4 med how 15 cm

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II Bn:  
\* 6 Btry 4 - 10.5 cm How  
III Bn:  
\*\* 7 Btry 4 - 10.5 cm Mtn How

\* PW of this Bn stated he saw many mules carrying 7.5 cm Mtn How so it is presumed that the Bn is a mixture of each. The 7.5 cm Mtn How were exchanged for 10.5 cm How on route.

\*\* Confirmed.

245 INF DIV:

245 Arty Regt: The 245 Arty Regt when last identified was believed to be organized with 3 bns, each having 3 batteries and armed as follows:

I Bn 12 - 10.5 cm How or possibly 7.62 Russian gun/How  
II Bn 12 - 12.2 cm Russian How  
III Bn 12 - 12.2 cm Russian How

36 VOLKSGRENADIER DIV:

268 Arty Regt: This regt is organized into 3 bns each having 3 batteries except the 3 Bn which has only 2. The 3 Btry was destroyed.

I Bn Believed to be armed with 7.5 cm and 10.5 cm How.  
II Bn Organized as I Bn  
III Bn: (This Bn is partially horsedrawn and partially mortorized.)  
7 Btry 6 - 10.5 cm (2 in repair)  
8 Btry 4 - 10.5 cm How (OB Team No 60)

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

During the night 36 Div's surprise attack on ROHRWILLER (R1217) resulted in the capture of over 100 PWs, mainly from 5 Co, 22 PGR, and many dead in the streets of the town. 45 Div's patrols were engaged by outposts in area SE of ALTHORN (Q7540) and two cy patrols, each of squad size, were repulsed as they attempted to penetrate our lines vic Q767408 and Q758405.

During the morning 10 SS Pz Div provided an aggressive defense to 36 Div's attack which was hindered by flooded terrain. In an early morning C/A at R137159, cy employed an estimated 100 inf and 2 tanks and forced our troops to withdraw to R133164. At 0900a hours, a similar sized C/A was launched vic R157173 and our troops encountered stubborn armored and inf resistance in their advance on HERRLISHEIM (R1214) from N and S. ROHRWILLER was cleared of cy but 3-5 tanks with inf support continued to resist in NW part of OBERHOFFEN (R0920). During the afternoon fighting continued in OBERHOFFEN and an cy force of approximately 4 tanks and 200 inf held out in HERRLISHEIM. Patrols reported cy dug-outs vic R118123, R121126 and R120123.

103 Div's early morning raid on BISCHOLTZ (Q8532) captured 6, wounded 15 and killed 15, accounting for entire 6 Co, 87 GR which had relieved elements of 12 SS Art Reg't last night. In the afternoon cy increased harassing arty and mortar in the ALTHORN sector of 45 Div's front but 79, 101 Airborne and 103 Div reported their fronts generally quiet with only sporadic arty and mortar fire.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

In general, the enemy arty activity was confined to the 79th and 36th Div zones, although there was a slight increase in the central sector. The left sector was quiet throughout the period with only lt harassing of fwd elements in the WILDENGUTH area by med and 75's in the afternoon. BISCHWILLER received the bulk of fire during the night which consisted mostly of concentrations under 10 rds; however, the 30 rd concentration and two of 10 rds were reported prior to midnight. The bridge at OBERHOFFEN and the KALTENHOUSE area caught the rest of the usual night's harassing fire. HAGUENAU, OBERHOFFEN, and BISCHWILLER were harassed intermittently throughout the day and several 15 rd concentrations were reported in the HAGUENAU area including one from mediums in the late afternoon. Just prior to the close of the period the bridge in OBERHOFFEN was shelled with 32 rds from 4-105's. NIEDERMODERN was the target for lt harassing fire during the morning from mediums as was the inf in the 8728 sq. Our fwd elements in the 8629 sq were fired on by 88's at noon and at the close of the period SCHWEIGHAUSEN was hit with 8 rds of med and 16 rds of lt.

Shellrep total: 68

79 Div-37, 36 Div-10, 101 Div-6, 103 Div-4, 45 Div-3, 33 Brig-6, 405 Gp-2.

SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Low clouds and ground haze limited AOP activity, but ground observers were able to adjust on many close-in targets, especially in the 36 Inf Div sector, where missions on cy personnel constituted the majority of the firing. Numerous TOT's and BINGO's were fired in support of the 36 Inf Div attack.

Harassing fire by Corps Arty during the night covered a total of 51 locations.

132 FA Bn fired a harassing mission on cy inf attempting to infiltrate back into OBERHOFFEN (R1312) during the day. Results were reported as very satisfactory.

133 FA Bn fired three missions on C/A's forming up in vic R13991593. All of the C/A's were stopped successfully with numerous casualties reported.

1 tk was destroyed by 155 FA Bn at R10182023. 132 FA Bn FO made the adjustment. This same observer also adjusted 155 FA Bn on tanks at R103207. 1 tank received a direct hit and another was immobilized by a near miss.

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A raid, initiated by the cy, was broken up twice by fire from 938 FA Bn directed by 383 FA Bn FO. The first time, at 0720A, 6 rds were used, and the second time, at 0755A, 3 rds were used. The observer reported all rds on the target.

59 AFA Bn FO adjusted his Bn on an SP gun at R128123. A fire was started in the target area.

10 cy at Q84983441 suffered 50 percent casualties when 383 FA Bn FO adjusted his Bn on them at 1215A. 12 rds were used on the mission. Another FO adjusted the same Bn on 9 cy taking refuge in a house at Q85663452. 8 rds were fired on this mission and the observer reported 3 cy casualties.

975 FA Bn was adjusted on cy personnel at R11362312 by 36 Div Arty AOP. Report from the observer claimed the 20 rds fired covered the area well.

43 rds from 939 FA Bn neutralized a btry at R12601467. 939 FA Bn AOP made the adjustment at 1230A.

A counter-battery program, consisting of 7 cy locations, was fired at 1600A-1700A in support of action by the 103 Inf Div.

"B" Btry, 2 FA Obsn Bn, completed installation of a 5 microphone, 4 second, crossed base ranging NE. Mic #1 R05411702, Mic #5 R01692094, OP #3 R038214.

b. Summary of Missions:

(1) Div Arty:

Type	14 ADA		36 IDA		45 IDA		79 IDA		101 A/B		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		1	4						1			
Per	4		44		2	8	7		5	19	10	
Veh			1			2					1	
MG & Mor			3		2	1	6		6	2	3	
Armor	2	1	9						1			
Def Fire				2			1				2	
Har		10		18	1	24		12		15		26
Reg	3		24		11		6		3		3	
Misc		8	2	9		8	2		1	20	2	
Prop					2						2	
TOTAL	9	20	87	29	18	43	22	12	17	56	23	28

(1) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	1	13		2		11		
Per	1							
MG & Mor					2			
Armor		1					2	
Har		40		12		12		2
Reg			1				1	
Misc		29						9
TOTAL	2	83	1	14	2	23	1	13

AOP Missions: 4

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Front Lines: No change.

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ENEMY STRY LIST #23

CONC NO.	COORDS	ACC	SOURCE	NO./TYPE
7741 JV	7750-4108	B	PW	3/75
7942 LD	794-423	B	PW	4/75
8041 NG	8064-4197	B	2 FOB-S	1/-
8142 HR	8180-4295	B	PW	-/-
8144 MO	815-442	B	PW	3/-
8242 NJ	822-427	B	PW	4/75
8243 HJ	8269-4348	A	AP-15 Jan	4/Mod
8245 KZ	8278-4517	A	AP-15 Jan	4/Lt
8342 LA	8334-4260	A	AP-15 Jan	2/Lt
	8348-4260	A	AP-15 Jan	2/Lt
8344 MP	832-449	B	PW	-/105
8444 VA	8484-4443	A	AP-15 Jan	3/Lt
8444 KY	8400-4438	A	AP-15 Jan	4/Lt
8539 NS	8565-3910	B	45 AOP	1/-
8546 LR	8539-4622	A	AP-15 Jan	3/Lt
8830 NH	8810-3077	A	AP-2 Feb	1/Lt
8831 NK	8871-3145	A	AP-2 Feb	4/Lt
8831 ZL	8868-3118	A	AP-2 Feb	2-3/HAA
8835 NC	8874-3550	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
9031 NI	9049-3175	A	AP-2 Feb	2/Lt
9032 MY	9010-3270	A	AP-2 Feb	1/Lt
9035 NT	9009-3571	B	103 AOP	4/HAA
9134 NN	9172-3447	B	17 AOP	-/-
9230 ZV	9293-3076	A	AP-2 Feb	4/Lt
9232 ZW	9291-3227	A	AP-2 Feb	4/HAA
9331 NM	9376-3150	A	AP-2 Feb	3/Lt
9331 ZS	9357-3150	A	AP-2 Feb	1/Lt
9332 ZT	9350-3227	A	AP-2 Feb	2/Lt
9432 ZU	9422-3227	A	AP-2 Feb	2/Lt
9529 ZB	9567-2935	A	AP-2 Feb	4/Lt
9529 YB	9580-2930	A	AP-2 Feb	4/Lt
9530 ZA	9538-3080	A	AP-2 Feb	4/Lt
9530 ZP	9552-3020	A	AP-2 Feb	2-3/Mod
9531 ZQ	9555-3191	A	AP-2 Feb	4/Lt
9532 NO	9540-3260	B	17 AOP	4/-
9632 ZY	9635-3274	A	AP-2 Feb	3/Lt
9733 YD	9791-3358	A	AP-2 Feb	4/HAA
9831 NE	9863-3072	A	AP-2 Feb	4/Lt
9833 YC	9820-3318	A	AP-2 Feb	4/HAA
9930 MX	9925-3030	A	AP-2 Feb	2/Lt
9931 ZJ	9988-3114	A	AP-2 Feb	4/Lt
9935 NL	9932-3556	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
0030 ZN	0031-3077	A	AP-2 Feb	4/Lt
0130 ZM	0103-3003	A	AP-2 Feb	4/Lt
0133 YG	0195-3356	A	AP-2 Feb	6/Nebel
0232 YE	0236-3277	A	AP-2 Feb	4/Lt
0232 YF	0218-3265	A	AP-2 Feb	6/HAA
0235 YH	0230-3535	A	AP-2 Feb	4/Lt
1022 MT	1071-2235	B	6 AOP	3/-
1123 NX	1136-2312	B	33 AOP	-/-
1322 MS	1385-2270	B	194 AOP	2/HAA
1518 NW	1522-1841	B	AOP, 2 FOB-F	3/-
1606 ZO	1630-0680	A	AP-2 Feb	4/Lt
1624 ZE	1685-2461	A	AP-2 Feb	4/HAA
1708 JB	1705-0800	A	AP-8 Jan	4/HAA
1722 ZC	1799-2295	A	AP-2 Feb	3/Lt
1722 ZD	1793-2238	A	AP-2 Feb	4/HAA
1726 NV	172-265	B	VI C AOP	4/HAA
1908 MI	1990-0844	A	AP-14 Jan	4/HAA
1910 UR	1987-1067	A	AP-14 Jan	4/Lt
1910 US	1950-1066	A	AP-14 Jan	4/Lt

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<u>CONC NO.</u>	<u>COORDS</u>	<u>ACC</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>NO./TYPE</u>
1911 UT	1914-1144	A	AP-14 Jan	4/Lt
1912 Uq	1998-1250	A	AP-14 Jan	4/Lt
2015 TV	2000-1524	A	AP-15 Jan	4/HAA
2015 TW	2004-1535	A	AP-15 Jan	4/HAA
2015 HZ	2069-1505	A	AP-8 Jan	4/HAA
2024 ZF	2040-2442	A	AP-2 Feb	4/HAA
2311 UP	2039-1167	A	AP-14 Jan	4/Lt



INCLOSURE NO. 1 TO PERIODIC REPORT NO. 148.

(Source: VI Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 170.)

GERMAN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

1. Evidence continues to point to accelerated activity on the part of the German Intelligence Services. The time gained during the slow moving situation in the several months preceding the enemy offensive in the ARDENNES permitted considerable organizational regrouping and the recruitment and training of new personnel. In contrast to its badly shaken condition from D-day to approximately the end of November 1944, the GIS has been revitalized, furnished with more virorous leadership, and is currently capable of sustained and intensive activity, a good example of which in terms of ingenuity, if not in results, is to be found in the creation of Einheit STIELAU.

2. Continued infiltration and parachuting of agents and saboteurs is considered extremely likely on the basis of experience during the past several months and the knowledge of the current GIS training program, as well as the availability within GERMANY of large numbers of renegades from liberated territories. A timely example of these capabilities may be found in the presence of a large number of Luxembourgers in the TRIER area, some of whom have already been dispatched as line crossers by the TRIER SD office, whose resources have recently been reinforced by the arrival of a new FAT in the sector. Such renegade personnel, considered as highly expendable by the enemy, may be expected to be infiltrated through the lines in increasing numbers, despite the tightening controls and the increased security consciousness of US troops. Parachute dropping activities and submarine operations will vary according to the effectiveness of ground control measures against line crossers and may be expected to occur more frequently in the future. We may expect the line crossers, parachutists and marine agents to be well schooled and well informed due to the capture by the enemy of many classified US Army documents during the recent offensive.

3. The increasingly vigorous leadership of Obersturmbannfuehrer Otto SKORZENY (RSHA-AMT VI-Sabotage) points to the likelihood of greater emphasis on the disruption and destruction of communications, dumps and pipe lines as well as sabotage of those industrial enterprises producing war material for the Allies by personnel cited in capability (4) (using trained intelligence personnel in the guise of Allied military personnel on tactical intelligence, sabotage, or harassing missions in the combat zone). Furthermore, the possibility of their attempts to pierce the security of tactical headquarters and to assassinate high ranking American officers must not be overlooked.

4. Despite the fact that the ambitious Einheit STIELAU venture, in general proved to be abortive, it should be assumed that SKORZENY and his staff are now aware of at least some of the mistakes which led to its failure and that these will be corrected during preparations for future operations of the same type. While no similar large scale undertaking is known to be in the planning stage, the rich benefits to be derived from the effective use of small groups disguised as Allied personnel are such that further efforts should be expected, particularly in view of the fact that captured members of Einheit STIELAU have stated that many additional English speaking individuals are currently being trained for the same role. In the future, these efforts will be more effective due to better knowledge of American methods and organization as derived from a study of captured US documents. All personnel should again be cautioned to remain on the alert for Germans masquerading as Allied officers and enlisted men. (Source: Twelfth Army Group)

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INCLOSURE NO. 2 TO PERIODIC REPORT NO. 148.

(Source: G-2 Report No. 171 Hq VI Corps, 2 Feb 45)

TRANSLATIONS

Following is a translation of a captured leaflet used as a counter-measure to our propaganda.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH, FRIEND, ASK THE "SCORPION"

WHAT'S THE FUEHRER DOING?

Again and again the "Scorpion" receives inquiries from fellows who want to know what the Fuehrer is doing. The questions are justified inasmuch as the Fuehrer has not spoken to the people since the attempt on his life on July 20, and there were reasons to fear that the Fuehrer's health had suffered. The enemy too has continually harped on this question in his propaganda. True enough, the "Scorpion" knew that there was nothing to this silly talk, but since he too was unable to visit the Fuehrer he could not very well answer the question through personal knowledge. In its stead the "Scorpion" replies through the pen of comrade Sgt BIERHOFF of APO 56451, who was commanded to appear before the Fuehrer to receive the Gold Combat Badge and who wrote about this personal experience in a letter to his CO. This letter constitutes the best answer to all our queries. We can't do better than to reproduce the letter in the original form for the benefit of all soldiers at the front.

S/Sgt Bierhoff  
presently at STOCKUM, 56

STOCKUM, 16 Sept 44.

Dear Lieutenant,

To fulfill my promise, I will now briefly relate my experiences.

It took all of 8 days before all comrades who were to receive the award had arrived. There were thirteen of us. The Fuehrer received us in the room which was the scene of the attempt on his life on July 20. We were all filled with the greatest apprehension. "How will our Fuehrer look, what will he have to say to us?" were the questions everyone asked himself. Then came the big moment: the Fuehrer entered. He encompassed us with a fleeting glance and then shook hands with each one of us. He had a few genial words for each man and his eyes held us spellbound. I can't describe how his presence radiates calm and confidence. He spoke a few words about the decoration and perhaps 10 minutes about the situation. Among other things he mentioned that the time was close at hand when we would strike again and strike harder than ever before. After about half an hour the reception was over. That was the greatest event in our lives and its impact is still resounding in our hearts. If only every soldier could have a chance to look into the Fuehrer's eyes, nobody would doubt victory and a totally different spirit would prevail among the troops.

I send you my best regards and wish you too, Sir, the best of luck.

Heil Hitler!

/s/ Bierhoff, S/Sgt

Address your questions to the "Scorpion", APO 00220. If the question is of a general nature, seriously occupying the soldier's mind, he will answer you. He will always tell you the truth!

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DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #149

SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Ey remained generally inactive except for stiff resistance to our raiding parties. The raid on ROTHBACH (Q-8434) achieved the element of surprise but the ey quickly reorganized and a hvy fire fight developed vic cemetery in SE part of town. ROTHBACH was completely cleared by 0315A. Wired in troops vic Q-767392 offered strong resistance to our raid and a fire fight developed with ey patrol at Q-745537. Our attempt to clear BOIS DE DRUSENHEIM vic R-134182 met s/a fire but a patrol to R-103207 reported no ey.

410th Inf reported at 1640A a column of 40 men moving from OFFWILLER (Q-8534) to ROTHBACH (Q-8434). Our arty fired on ey activity vic R-08522157 at 1255A. Small groups of ey were seen on road between SESSENHEIM (R-1822) and SCHIRRHOFEN (R-1322) throughout afternoon. A 10 man ey patrol was dispersed by our arty vic R-118127. Our troops encountered ey minefield defended by 4 a/w at R-102203.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. Overall ey arty activity decreased during the period except in the BISCHWILLER area where a marked increase was noticed, especially prior to midnight. Shelling was nearly non-existent in the 45th and 103rd Div zones while the central sector reported lt harassing fire in PFAFFENHOFEN from mediums and one 30 rd concentration from 88's in the Q94-26 square during the night. SCHWEIGHAUSEN was the recipient of 20 rds of 88 early in the evening and lt harassing fire from 105's just before and just after midnight. Mediums shelled HAGUENAU at midnight with an estimated 20 rds and again near the close of the period with 10 rds. OBERHOFFEN and BISCHWILLER were shelled from the start of the period until 0300A hrs with 88's, 105's, and mediums. Several 20-30 rd concentrations were reported with the bridge in BISCHWILLER being the main target, however the majority of the shelling was in 5-10 rd concentrations. ROHRWILLER was hit with two 25-30 rd concentration and the area just N of GAMBESHEIM caught 40 rds. Shelling was nil during the morning but picked up again in the late afternoon with OBERHOFFEN, BISCHWILLER, and ROHRWILLER still the favored targets for the ey arty. Inf in the woods just E of ROHRWILLER caught 30 rds of lt cal. at noon and 50 rds again at the close of the period while 40, 30, and 20 rds fell in OBERHOFFEN and BISCHWILLER.

Shellrep total: 63

79 Div	36 Div	101 Div	14 A.D.	45 Div	103 Div
29	25	5	2	1	1

b. Changes to EB List #23:

(1) Additions:

Conc. No	Coords	Acc	Source	No/type
9528 YK	9567-2873	A	AP - 2 Feb	4/-
9529 YJ	9547-2925	A	"	1/-
9629 YM	9600-2907	A	"	3-4/Lt
9629 YN	9640-2978	A	"	3-4/Lt
9631 OA	9645-3181	A	"	4/-
1124 NY	1105-2405	A	"	2/-
1124 NZ	1105-2432	A	"	1/-
1322 YI	1355-2295	A	"	4/HAA

(2) Amendments:

0232 YF to read 4/HAA

(3) Deletions:

2015 HZ      2015 TV      2015 TW.

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B-Btry of 2 FCB picked up two locations during the period. One of these was a confirmation of 1722 ZD while the second was a "C" accuracy location of a concentration of guns in the 2112 square.

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Extremely poor visibility during the period over most of the Corps front limited AOP activity to a minimum. Ground observers in the 36 Inf Div sector adjusted on numerous personnel and other close-in targets. Corps Arty fired unobserved supporting and counter-battery missions in support of local attacks made by Inf units of the Corps.

Harassing fire over the Corps front was somewhat reduced due to the limited ammunition supply. 240mm harassing fire was placed on HERFLESHEIM (R1214) during the night.

The counter-battery program fired in support of 103 Inf Div raid on ROTHBACH (Q8434) was reported as extremely effective.

132 FA Bn was fired by its AOP on an 8/G btry in the R1123 sq. The btry was neutralized and shelling vic BISCHWILLER (R0918) was reported reduced after the mission.

GOP of 59 AFA Bn reported that 2 tgt hits were observed on a mission on an ey occupied dugout.

501 AFA Bn reported an observed mission on an ey mine-laying party in the R1319 sq. Fire for effect dispersed the personnel and casualties were observed.

### b. Summary of Missions:

#### (1) Div Arty:

Type	14 AFA		36 IDA		45 IDA		79 IDA		101 A/B		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	3		2	1			2		1			
Per	15		48		4	6	4		16	11	13	2
Veh.		3				2				1	1	
MG & Mor	1		7		3		1	1	2	5	2	
Prep.		7		13						1		
Armor			7			1		4				
Def Fire		1		14								
Har		12		38		22	16		9		25	
Reg	5		10		10		4		3		6	
Misc	1	9		49			4				4	
Prop					1							
TOTAL	25	32	74	115	18	31	9	27	22	27	26	27

#### (2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		33 FA Brig		35 Gp		405 Gp	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		19		1				3
Per		2		2		1		1
Armor		1		1				
Har		34		4		15		17
Reg	3		1				1	
	3	56	1	8	0	16	1	21

AOP Missions: 4

## SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Forward elements of the Corps are reported at the following points:

Q750413,	Q764383,	Q785379,	Q810365,	Q820372
Q864315,	Q898276,	Q938272,	Q982257,	R001247
R029243,	R065230,	R087205,	R095205,	R112197
R127185,	R137183,	R147170,	R126159,	R133122

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INCLOSURE NO. 1 TO PERIODIC REPORT NO. 149.

(Source: G-2 Periodic Report #74, Hq 103 Inf Div, 2 Feb 45)

INFORMATION CONCERNING CIVILIAN CONTROL

In order to systematize the procedure of preliminary screening and detention of possible unfriendly civilians, the CIC and CA have made certain recommendations for the guidance of all units. It is their belief that close observance of the simple rules submitted here will expedite the movement of potentially dangerous civilians through proper channels to detention cages. At the same time, it will eliminate the ever prevalent possibility of erroneous reports and the unnecessary clogging of screening points by civilians possessing proper credentials.

A. FROM THE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE CORPS DETACHMENT

1. The work of this Detachment is limited to counter intelligence matters which includes investigations of cases of espionage, sabotage, subversive activities, and security violations. Ordinary crimes, blackmarket operations, theft of Government property, and disorderly conduct do not come within the jurisdiction of this organization.

2. The issuance of laissez-passers (passes) is not a function of the CIC, but the enforcement of travel control regulations is a security measure which Civil Affairs and CIC cooperate to maintain. Persons found traveling without proper laissez-passers stamped by Civil Affairs should be sent through your own or MP channels to the Division Civilian Cage which is an annex to the Division PW Cage for interrogation by the CIC. In this respect a certain amount of discretion should be used. If a linguist is available, it is generally advisable to look at the culprit's papers and question him to find out if he is actually committing a substantial violation. In cases where there is any doubt, telephone the CIC or send the subject to the Civilian Cage with an informal note giving the circumstances of the arrest.

3. Many times we have received persons at the Civilian Cage without any information at all as to who they were and where, when, why, and by whom they were arrested. Others have been accompanied by a note similar to the following examples: "This man was arrested at \_\_\_\_\_ for suspicious activities" (not signed); " \_\_\_\_\_ crossed into our lines at \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being questioned, all he told were lies." In each case it takes some time to find out why the subject was arrested before he can be properly questioned. In all cases it would be a great help to us if the subject were accompanied with an informal note covering the following items:

- a. Full name of subject.
- b. Time and place and by whom apprehended.
- c. Reasons for arrest in as much detail as possible.
- d. Names and addresses of witnesses who furnished original information.
- e. Names and organization of person writing note.

4. The necessity of immediately searching all subjects for weapons cannot be emphasized too strongly. Over 50% of the men coming into the Civilian Cage are found to have knives and several have had other weapons. In one case, two German speaking soldiers were held for two hours on suspicion that they were Germans in GI clothing. Both were wearing .45 cal US Army pistols fully loaded, but were not disarmed and were not searched. Had they been Germans, they could easily have killed those guarding them and escaped. In another case, a truckload of 35 French Gendarmes, all fully armed, were sent in to be checked by the CIC while they were guarded by one soldier.

5. In cases of suspected Germans in GI uniforms, it is advisable to arrest the subjects immediately and call the CIC if their papers and passes do not completely satisfy you.

6. Numerous incidents have been reported of Army personnel giving rides to civilians. Known espionage agents have admitted that they were able to avoid travel control regulations in this way. In this Division area, several persons known to be rabid pro-Nazis, definitely considered dangerous, and presently interned said they had been able to catch rides on Army vehicles. This practice is dangerous, is prohibited, and has been aiding the enemy.

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B. FROM THE CIVIL AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

1. Attention of all personnel is directed to the necessity for strict control of civilian travel in forward areas. In order to facilitate such control the following security measures, conforming to recent Seventh Army regulations, are to be enforced in the Division sectors:

a. Civilian travel between towns is prohibited except for civilians having circulation permits (laissez-passers).

b. The only valid permits are those on printed forms bearing the heading "PAISSEZ-PASSER - CIRCULATION PASS", and having the stamp and signature of a Civil Affairs Officer.

c. Such passes should be carefully checked for the following points:

- (1) Identity of the bearer (to be checked against the individual's identity card or other identifying document).
- (2) Authorized destination (to make sure that the individual is not traveling beyond the points authorized by the permit).
- (3) Date for which valid (to make sure that the pass has not expired).

d. In case of doubt as to the validity or propriety of a circulation permit, the matter should be reported at once to a Civil Affairs Officer (Telephone: FAME CIVIL AFFAIRS).

2. Above restrictions do not apply to local circulation, during daylight hours, within a town, but only to travel between towns.

3. As the front line stabilizes, it is to be expected that refugees and evacuees from forward towns will seek to return to their homes as soon as possible. Units are cautioned to be on the alert to intercept any such movement forward by persons not having circulation permits in conformity with the above requirements.

4. Seventh Army regulations provide that "all persons found traveling without permits will be arrested and turned over to the nearest CIC Detachment for interrogation as a suspect".

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To : 051800A Feb 45

DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #150.

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Ey remained generally quiet over the Corps front. 614 TD Bn's raid surprised and captured 6 PW's in the mill vic Q-862323. Ey offered S/A opposition vic church at R-094203. AOP reported RHINE river and streams to E were at flood stage.

Ey remained inactive with exception of some SP fire. 45 Div reported cy Co position from Q-774393 to Q-779390 with covered 2 man dugouts at 20 meter intervals. Two cy deserters from 6th Co 87th VG Regt stated approximately 70 cy were in BISCHOLTZ Q-8532. Twenty cy were observed vic R-046254. The 117 Rcn reached SW outskirts of OFFENDORF, vic R-127121, at 1600A without contacting cy but encountering numerous mines.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. Enemy arty activity remained negligible over the Corps front except in the 36 Div sector, which still continues to receive the bulk of cy shelling. Night harassing fell off sharply but there was a corresponding increase in day-light firing and the concentrations were larger than heretofore. REIFERTSWILLER and BISCHWILLER were harassed lightly at the beginning of the period and ROHRWILLER was again the target, this time for an estimated 130 rds over a two hr period. A hvy cal gun, identified from fragments as 280 mm, fired 2 rds into SAVERNE at 0430 hrs. OBERHOFFEN, BISCHWILLER, ROHRWILLER, HAGUENAU, and the Inf in the 8629 and 9526 sq were hit with concentrations of 10-30 rds of mixed lt and med cal fire during the day. A hvy concentration of 135 rds in 15 min fell in BISCHWILLER late in the period and GRIES received 50 rds, both concentrations being mixed cal while at the same time 20 rds of hvy was reported in ROHRWILLER.

Shellrep total: 49

36 Div-18, 79 Div-13, 101 Div-9, 14 A Div-6, 45 Div-2, 103 Div-1.

b. Changes to EB List #23

(1) Additions:

CONC NO.	COORDS	ACC	SOURCE	NO./TYPE
1809 OB	1880-0960	Z	2 FOB-F	1/-

(2) Deletions:

1518 NW

(3) Suspect List #23-1 (Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location.)

2158-1272	-/-	2 FOB-S
157-177	3/105	PW

Two excellent flash locations were made during the period of which one was new. 1809 OB and one confirmed 9230 ZV within 10 yards of its photo coords.

SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. With the cy exhibiting only limited activity, firing by arty with the Corps was comparatively light. Continued poor visibility restricted AOP activity to a minimum.

69 points over the Corps front were included in the harassing program fired by Corps arty during the night.

501 AFA Bn reported excellent results on cy personnel in R1321 and R1419 squares. 5 observed missions were fired from 1600A to 1655A. Time fire was utilized and many casualties were noted.

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977 FA Bn FO conducted a night adjustment on 6 tanks firing from the N side of BITSCHHOFFEN (Q9129). 938 FA Bn was fired on the spot. The observer reported the area well covered with 24 rds. 1 house exploded, indicating a hit on ammo, one small fire was started, and the tanks were forced to cease firing.

Btry "A", 2 FA Obsn Bn completed the installation of a five microphone, four second sound base ranging northeast in the vicinity of MINCHHOFFEN. Microphone 1 8479-2652, Microphone 5 8177-3100, OP1 863-285, OP2 838-307.

## b. Summary of Missions:

(1) Div Arty:												
	14 ADA		36 IDA		45 IDA		79 IDA		101 A/EDA		103 IDA	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB			2		1	1			5			4
Per	2	1	26		3	3	8		7	1	3	6
Veh	2					1			1	1		
IG & Mor			1		2	1	2	3	1	1	3	1
Prepp				2								
Armor			1									
Def Fires		1		5								
Har		8		17		21		14		8		29
Reg	2		11		4				6		3	
Misc	3	3	2	19			3	6				
Prop				10								
TOTAL	9	13	43	53	10	27	13	23	15	16	9	40

## (2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		19		3		12		
Veh					1			
Armor					1			
Har		36		16		16		
Reg	1							
TOTAL	1	55		19	2	28		

AOP Missions: 1

## SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Front Lines: No change.

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INCLOSURE NO. 1 TO PERIODIC REPORT NO. 150.

(Source: G-2 Periodic Report No. 173, Hq VI Corps, 4 Feb 45)

A GERMAN'S ADVICE TO AMERICANS AND BRITISH

(Reproduced from Twelfth Army Gp Weekly Intelligence Summary No 25, 29 Jan 45)

"You Americans and British are not awake yet to the fundamentals of German thought. You are too friendly and kindhearted, you judge everybody by your own yard stick." This is the view of a well-educated 36-year-old German engr who risked imprisonment or death in order to give himself up for interrogation purposes to the Allied Forces. He did this even though from personal experience he knew the pain of the Gestapo's oxhide lash. He is an aviation expert and was head of a department in a large HEINKEL factory. As such he travelled all over GERMANY to arrange for supplies. He has therefore a wide knowledge of German opinion and mentality.

The Americans and British, according to this engineer, are committing the same fault now that they committed at the end of the last war. "You are being too kind. My home was in RICHTERICH. Everybody in my town was tired of the war and prayed for the Americans to come and deliver them from it all."

"My countrymen are all to blame for the war. They will tell you with tears in their eyes that they just had to obey their leaders. Don't be taken in by this attitude and don't let your Army of Occupation be taken in either."

"In every German there is the inborn spirit of a mercenary trooper of the Middle Ages (Landsknecht). They all love uniforms and army life. My old father, now aged 82, even today straightens his back when he hears a military band go by, his eyes glisten and one can plainly read on his face the ecstacy he is feeling at the re-awakening of past military life although he has had only barrack room experience of military glory."

Referring to the last war the engineer said, "I can still remember the last occupation; in our area we had a Belgian Force who instituted curfew hours and justly made us feel that the consequences of a war are bitter. Away in COLOGNE, however, under British occupation, life continued almost better than pre-1914, no curfew, few or no restrictions and we used to speak of COLOGNE as 'Paradise'."

Referring to this war, he said, "The Americans occupied our town and were kindness personified. The children were given sweets and we civilians were not molested. What was the effect on my townsmen? First they smiled, delighted that their inner fears had been unfounded and then after that, amongst themselves, they LAUGHED. That is a fact, they laughed at this unexpected friendliness. They took it as a sign of weakness and degeneracy and began to look for excuses for their defeat at the hands of these 'soft' Americans".

"My townsmen, to excuse their defeat, try to belittle the Americans. They laugh amongst themselves at anything they can possibly rake up. For instance, if an American sentry shows he cannot read easily by examining a pass for too long a time, they mimic him amongst themselves. They invent tales as to how American soldiers scuttled for cover when a German V.I. came over. These are all indications that they are not repentent of the wrongs perpetrated on EUROPE by their Army and system, nor are they grateful for the humane treatment meted out to them by a democratic Army."

"You Allies will pay heavily for this if you don't alter your outlook. You must have done of this fraternization. Carry out General Eisenhower's words 'stern but just' or you will have another nasty mess on your hands in twenty or so years' time."

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"After I delivered myself up to the Americans, I saw the mistakes they were committing in being too humane. For example there was amongst the German PW taken by the Americans a man from the neighborhood whose wife was expecting a baby. The American authorities let him visit her daily far from the PW cage, simply on his word of honor to return by nightfall. That may be humane but it is not warrior like (kriegsgemass) and would, I am sure, only be laughed at by my countrymen."

"Another case. I was with an American captain and from our position we could daily see the German soldiers lining up for their food well within rifle shot distance. When I asked the captain why he did not do something about it, he replied 'Oh, let them eat, they're human beings like ourselves. I know they would fire on us if the positions were reversed, but we're different from them.' Such an attitude would not be appreciated by the German soldier, only scorned."

"When the Americans marched in, we were all thankful that the Dutch and Belgian frontiers with GERMANY were kept closed as we should have been severely handled by the outraged Belgian and Dutch workers. They do understand German thought and would have taken a severe revenge for the German culture they have had to put up with for the past four years."

The engineer is convinced that the Nazis will undertake something against GREAT BRITAIN. "Their biggest hate is the British, mainly because the British could not be bought over. The Nazis fear the Russians but hate the British. The Nazis are well aware that a strong BRITAIN is the only power which will prevent another German outbreak in 20 years' time and they will go to any lengths to weaken and undermine the strength of 'their Germanic cousins!'"

"The only salvation for EUROPE lies in GREAT BRITAIN. The Americans will, after all, withdraw after a time to the U.S. but GERMANY must be occupied for two generations as this Nazi poison has bitten into the bones of the whole people."

"All Germans from the age of 8 to 30, are incurable. Time must elapse for them to die out and in the meantime GREAT BRITAIN must exercise a rigid control, exterminating the trouble-makers and re-educating the tractable."

HEADQUARTERS VI CORPS ARTILLERY  
APO 46 US ARMY

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DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #151.

SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

At the beginning of the period 20 ey attacked 45 Div outposts vic 763389; an hour long fight ensued after which ey withdrew. Patrols drew SA fire from 800376, 834375 and from dug-in positions vic 836377 and 838379. 103 Div reported an unknown number of tracked vehicles moving E on road to PFATTENHOFFEN (9027) at 1825 hours. On the east flank 36 Div patrols found OFFENDORF (1212) and HERRLISHEIM (1214) heavily mined but clear of ey, indicating ey has made some withdrawal to shorten his lines.

During the morning 14 Arm'd Div's CCB encountered SA resistance in NW part of OBERHOFFEN vic 094205. Air OP drew fire over DRUSENHEIM (1618) when it approached roadblock at 154183. Fighter bombers reported column of MT and two trains at 0930 hours moving north from SELTZ (2632) which may be associated with relief of 10 SS Pz Div.

Resistance in OBERHOFFEN continued in the afternoon but it consisted mostly of SA, mortar and tank fire. Small group of ey observed vic 145183. 14 Arm'd Div's ACP observed some ey swimming the RHINE to E vic 148110. One ey plane strafed BRUMATH-MOMMENHEIM (9317) road at 1335 hours. On 45 Div front ey outpost vic 760409 engaged two patrols in fire fights and camouflaged dug-in positions were reported on ridge 750416. Small ey group vic 820378 was engaged by mortar fire.

The 25 PG Div, formerly on the Corps front has been identified on the Russian front. This division was badly mauled in the ALSACE fighting and its commitment indicates the urgent need GERMANY has for its man-power.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. Artillery fire continued light during the period and the 36th Div sector was again the principal recipient of all hostile shelling on the Corps front. During the evening KALTENHOUSE and OBERHOFFEN were the targets of two 30-40 round concentrations. After 2100 hours all activity ceased until 15 rounds of medium or heavy fire fell in OBERHOFFEN at 0934. At the same time a harassing program was conducted by the enemy on RJ's and front-line installations in our MODER bridgehead and in BISCHWILLER. At 1300 a 30 rd. concentration fell in the 10-20 square. An hour later the bridge at E end of BISCHWILLER received 15 rounds of med. fire. Slight harassing fire fell in 7837 square as well as on LAUENDORFF (9425) and vicinity during the afternoon. At the close of the period OBERHOFFEN received another 30 rounds, while BISCHWILLER was the target of a 20 rd. concentration of medium caliber with a few heavy shells mixed in.

Shellrep total: 43

36 Div	101 Div	103 Div	79 Div	45 Div
29	10	2	1	1

b. Changes to EB List #23:

(1) Additions:

Conc No.	Coords	Acc	Source	No/Type
0226 OF	0254-2645	B	499 AOP	-/-
0431 OE	045-315	B	6 AOP	4/Mod
1023 OD	1095-2363	B	36 F AOP	-/-
1222 OC	1284-2262	B	36 AOP	-/-

(2) Deletions:

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(3) Suspect List #23-2 (Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional information or a more accurate location).

1465-2040	-/-	36 GOP
8530-3438	2/75 AT	PW
8989-3518	-/105	"
8701-3526	3/75 or 105	"
019-262	-/-	101 GOP

Sound and Flash: NTR

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Visibility during the day was rather limited due to low hanging clouds. However, AOP's took advantage of all breaks and were able to turn in a fair number of adjustments on ey batteries, vehicles, personnel, and registrations, especially in the Eastern portion of the Corps sector.

A total of 46 points were harassed during the night. Twenty of these points were enemy battery locations.

The 33 FA Brigade AOP attempted to adjust the 975 FA Bn on an ey barge at R142165 but it drifted out of range before the adjustment could be completed.

Upon request of the 36 Div Arty a BINGO was fired at 1340A and repeated at 1738A on ey personnel at R15821818. The 36 Div Arty and 33 FA Brigade participated in these two bingo's.

At 1015A the 36 Div Arty and 33 FA Brigade fired a TOT on an ey battery at R12842262. This battery was located by the 36 Div Arty AOP about 0830A.

At 1610A the 36 Div Arty and 33 FA Brigade participated in a TOT on an ey battery at R1095-2363. This battery was located about 1030A by the 6 FA Group AOP.

At 1640A the 499 AFA Bn AOP adjusted his battalion on two gun flashes at R0254-2645. Three direct hits were observed. The 634 FA Bn was then adjusted upon the same target and harassed with 9 rds from 1650A to 1730A.

At 1318A the 6 Gp AOP adjusted the 36 FA Bn on vehicles at R1806-1700. 7 rds HE and 5 rds WP were expended. Effect was reported as excellent, several vehicles being disabled.

At 1100A the 6 Gp AOP adjusted the 975 FA Bn on vehicles at R1054-2242. 20 rds were expended. The area was well covered.

At 1130A the 194 FA Bn AOP adjusted the 975 FA Bn on personnel at R1045-2180. 7 rds were expended. Personnel were dispersed.

At 1729A the 499 AFA Bn AOP adjusted the 36 FA Bn on ey guns at R0251-2690. 15 rds HE and 1 rd WP were expended. 3 direct hits were reported.

At 1135A the 36 Div Arty AOP adjusted the 36 FA Bn on an ey btry at R2010-2169. 19 rds HE and 5 rds WP were fired. Three houses in the target area were set on fire. No further activity was noted.

At 1032A the 6 Gp AOP adjusted the 975 FA Bn on an ey btry at R1095-2363. 18 rds HE were expended. No further activity was noted.

A GOP of the 101 A/B Div adjusted the 499 AFA Bn on ey personnel at R0019-2564 at 1210A. 20 rds were fired and effect was reported as excellent.

At 1045A the FO of the 383 FA Bn adjusted his Bn on an Armored car at Q8512-3414. One direct hit was obtained out of 7 rds fired.

The 693 FA Bn GOP observed enemy personnel around a fire in the Q83-38 square. The first rounds in the adjustment landed in the midst of the personnel and put the fire out. The fire for effect covered the area well.

### b. Summary of Missions:

#### (1) Div Arty:

	14 ADA		36 IDA		45 IDA		101 A/B		103 IDA	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB							4		2	
Per	3		9		4	2	20	1	6	6
Veh			2				2		1	
MG & Mor	1		1				6	1	1	
Armor	1						1		2	
Def Fire			20	5						
Har		6		4		19		10		30
Reg	3		6		8		8		6	
Misc	1	3	1	1						2
Prop				1						4
TOTAL	9	9	39	11	12	21	41	12	18	42

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(2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	3	25				7		
Per	1					2		1
Veh	2							
Har		17		8		16		7
Reg	6		2		4		2	
Misc	1							3
Dest		2						
TOTAL	13	44	2	8	4	25	2	11

ACP Missions: 15

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Forward elements of the Corps are reported at the following points:

Q745415, Q764390, Q815368, Q825370, Q880290, Q910275,  
R035244, R060230 R094206, R140180, R148170, R128148,  
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31	25	6	1	3

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1514-1849	1/-	36 AOP
9352-3438	3/105	PW
9605-3126	-/-	384 GOP
9586-3080	-/-	384 GOP
1951-0878	2/-	194 AOP

Flash furnished a confirmation of 9532 NO, identifying it as a probable 76.2 PAK 36, due to its firing tracer ammunition. Sound produced a suspect location in the 7843 square, in addition to which they picked up two batteries firing somewhere in the XV Corps sector.

### SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. With considerably improved visibility during the period the artillery with the Corps fired a moderate number of observed missions on personnel, vehicles, machine guns, mortars, and ey guns. The majority of the unobserved missions were on counter-battery and harassing targets.

A light harassing program was fired on ey lines of communication during the night.

The 405 Gp AOP adjusted the 995 FA Bn on ey personnel and vehicles at Q917-293 from 1400A to 1420A. Area was well covered and the personnel were dispersed. 15 rds were fired.

At 1200A the 995 FA GOP adjusted his Bn on an ey tank at Q852-342. 9 rds were expended and the tank was reported as destroyed.

Upon request of the 103rd Div Arty a TOT was fired at 1930A on flashes at Q9555-3273 observed by two different OP's of the 103rd Div. After the TOT had been fired reports of three explosions were received from the FO's of the 382nd and 383rd FA Bns. "A" Flash, 2 FOB, also reported the area well covered and two explosions, believed to be ammo, observed.

At 1338A the 977 FA GOP adjusted his Bn on 20 ey in a dugout at Q8990-3218. Out of 19 rds fired 2 hits on the dugout were observed. Apparently casualties were also inflicted as an ambulance was observed in the vicinity later.

At 1355A the 35 Gp AQP, while adjusting the 995 FA Bn on a target, observed two gun flashes at Q8489-3927. The 17 FA Bn was immediately adjusted on this target. A total of 38 rds were fired for adjustment and harassing. These two flashes tied in very closely with a shell rep turned in by the 45 Div Arty about the same time.

At 1015A a GOP of the 384 FA Bn adjusted his Bn on ey guns at Q9605-3126. Four casualties were reported. This same observer then shifted to another ey gun at Q9586-3080. The observer reported the camouflage net knocked down and the piece turned over. A total of 18 rds were fired on these two missions.

The FO of Btry "A" 928 FA Bn, adjusted his Bn at 1420A on an ey road block at Q8637-3417. 34 rds were fired. Later the ey was observed carrying wounded away.

A target at R116-256 was marked for bombers at 0825A by the 36FA Bn and at 0830A by the 938 FA Bn.

A GOP of the 131 FA Bn adjusted his Bn on ey personnel digging in at R067-227. 3 hits among the personnel were observed.

463 FA Bn reported excellent effect on observed mission at R0219-2536 and one half track definitely destroyed. 101 A/B Div Arty AOP picked up estimated Coy of Inf and adjusted 377 FA Bn on them with good effect. The observer continued surveillance on the area and refired the concentration when movement was again seen in the area.

#### b. Summary of Missions:

##### (I) Div Arty:

Type	14 ADA		36 IDA		45 IDA		101 A/B		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB			1				2		5	3
Per	3		8		2		12		15	6
Veh	1						1			
MG & Mor			12		1		8	5	3	
Armor			2				3	2		
Def Fire			8							
Har		5		2		10	4	13		39
Reg	10		12		5		11		16	
Misc	2	2	3	6			2	2	14	
Prop					1					
TOTAL	16	7	46	8	9	10	43	22	53	48

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(2) Corps Arty

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	3	11	1	4		1		1
Per					3			
Armor					2			
Har		33		11		10		2
Reg	11		5		7		4	
Misc	2							
	<u>16</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

AOP Missions: 31

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Forward elements of the Corps are reported at the following points:

Q745415, Q764390, Q815368, Q825370, Q880290, Q910275,  
R035244, R060230, R094206, R140180, R150180, R147168,  
R167158, R168147, R158128.

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE

Ey remained quiet throughout the night except for a group of 50 ey who infiltrated our positions vic R090209 at 091830A, but who were driven off. 2 PWs were taken from 5 Co, 466 GR. The 103d Div reported ey used flood-lights believed to be located behind ROTHACK (Q8434). Ey continued his resistance in OBERHOFFEN vic R093207 using S/A, A/W and SP fire during the morning.

A 45th Div patrol to REIFERTSWILLER was engaged in a fire fight by ey occupying the 3 houses vic Q807371. Two PWs from 1st Co, 12 SS Mountain Regt state 1st and 2d Co's were in position vic Q792382 to Q796382. A few ey troops were observed walking vic ROTHACK (Q8434). Elements of the 36th Div continued close contact with ey in NW OBERHOFFEN (R0920). Our troops met determined A/W fire from pillbox vic R165162 and the waterworks at R148172.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY

a. In general there was a slight decrease during the period in ey arty activity. Shelling during the day was about on a par with yesterday but the usual night's harassing fire was lacking, except for lt fire on NEUBOURG (9526) and UHLWILLER (9524) at the start of the period and 5 rds of reported hvy in HAGUENAU at the same time. REIFERTSWILLER was the target for 25 rds of med fire about 0800A hrs and HAGUENAU was hit at the same time by a reported hvy and again around noon by a lt concentration of med. OBERHOFFEN also was the target for med during the morning and received one 20 rd concentration. The rest of the morning's activity consisted of lt harassing fire by 75's, 82's, and 105's in OBERHOFFEN, BISCHWILLER, SCHWEIGHAUSEN, LICHTENBERG, and NEUBOURG. Mediums shelled ALTHORN with 10 rds during the afternoon and HAGUENAU was hit twice by 170 cal fire, however both concentrations were under 10 rds. For the rest of the period OBERHOFFEN, BISCHWILLER and HAGUENAU were subjected to harassing fire from lts and SP's, mostly with concentrations of 10 rds and under and a few 20 rd concentrations reported. Air photos taken 8 Feb show a regrouping of arty in the central sector and some shifting in the left sector, however the right sector shows little change.

Shellrep total - 45

101 Div - 20 36 Div - 12 45 Div - 4 103 Div 2 14 Armd Div - 4 2 FOB-2  
405 Gp - 1

b. Changes to EB List #23:

(1) Additions:

CONC NO	COORDINATE	ACC	SOURCE	NO/TYPER/CAL
7649 OK	7600-4922	A	2 FOB-S	2/G
8342 XA	8313-4295	A	AP-8 Feb	4/Lt
8441 XC	8400-4178	A	AP-8 Feb	1/170 (Not in Posn)
8441 XB	8438-4113	A	AP-8 Feb	4/Lt
9131 YR	9184-3192	A	AP-8 Feb	3/Lt
9231 YU	9240-3122	A	AP-8 Feb	1/Lt (Dummy?)
9231 YV	9260-3135	A	AP-8 Feb	1/Lt (Dummy?)
9332 OP	9344-3225	A	AP-8 Feb	2/Lt
9430 YW	9415-3053	A	AP-8 Feb	2/Lt (Dummy?)
9730 ON	9789-3075	A	977 GOP	2/Med
9833 YZ	9800-3322	A	AP-8 Feb	4/Lt
0824 OL	0838-2428	B	2 FOB-S	3/G
9838 OQ	9867-3847	B	405 ACP	1/Med
9831 OI	9878-3138	A	AP-8 Feb	3/Med
9931 OJ	9905-3185	A	AP-8 Feb	3/105
0131 YS	0180-3177	A	AP-8 Feb	4/Lt
1422 OM	1446-2230	B	2 FOB-S	1/G
2219 YT	2292-1921	A	AP-8 Feb	3/Med (Dummy?)

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(2) Amendments:

8242 NJ	8228-4270	A	AP-8 Feb	4/Lt
9532 NO	9571-3240	A	977 GOP	1/G

(3) Deletions:

0133 YG	9528 YK	9931 ZJ	1914 UT
0232 YE	9032 YZ	9528 YL	9031 YA (NI)
0232 YF	9032 ZX	9232 ZW	2637 VJ
9830 ZK	9935 NL	1124 YP	

(4) Suspect List #23-5 (Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location):-

1187-2366	1/G	2 FOB - S
9716-3066	2/?	AP - 8 Feb
9720-3047	4/?	AP - 8 Feb
9751-3092	2/?	AP - 8 Feb
965 - 340	1/Lt	995 AOP
9905-3195	3/?	AP - 8 Feb (Alt posn 9931 OJ)
2228-1555	2/-	33 AOP
199 - 237	1/-	33 AOP

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS

a. With good to excellent visibility during the greater part of the day the number of observed missions rose appreciably. The GOP of the 977 FA Bn was particularly active in obtaining observed missions on ey guns. Div Arty units were active in firing observed missions on ey personnel, vehicles, machine guns, and mortars. Unobserved missions were largely confined to harassing and counter-battery targets.

Alt harassing program was fired throughout the night on lines of communication and ey btry locations.

At 1030A a GOP of the 977 FA Bn observed traffic consisting of vehicles and horse-drawn carts on a stretch of road at Q96353308. The traffic was going both ways on the road. The observer conducted an observed harassing program on this point until 1130A. 19 rds were fired of which 3 rds, fuzed with T-105 fuze, were direct hits on the road and effectively cratered it. The road was kept under surveillance and at approximately 1415A traffic was again noted and appeared to be jamming up at the point which had been cratered. Another 24 rds was placed on the target. No visible effect could be reported but a little later ambulances were active in the area.

From 1720A to 1800A a GOP of the 977 FA Bn adjusted the 995 FA Bn on one gun, cal unknown, at Q95713240. A total of 9 rds of HE were placed on the target. The 3d rd started a large fire in the position area. The 6th rd scattered the fire and caused an explosion after which blue smoke was observed. The last 2 rds, fuzed with POZIT fuze, were fired after waiting 5-10 minutes. The observer reported both of these rds bursting above the target with the second one directly over the target.

The GOP of the 977 FA Bn adjusted his Bn on one medium gun at Q98673847 from 1555A to 1616A. 24 rds were expended and a fire was started in the position area.

From 0950A to 1045A the GOP of the 977 FA Bn adjusted his bn on 2 medium guns, 100 yds apart and one behind the other, at Q97893075. 41 rds were placed on this location causing one explosion.

About 1435A the GOP of the 977 FA Bn observed personnel and vehicular activity around a house at Q954333. The 995 FA Bn was adjusted on this target and destroyed it with 14 rds of HE.

The 384 FA Bn fired on an ey vehicle and personnel vic Q910307 at 1337A. The vehicle was reported destroyed and personnel dispersed.

At 1245A the FO of the 463 Frcht FA Bn adjusted the 634 FA Bn on an ey vehicle at Q963326. 9 rds of HE were expended and the vehicle was reported knocked out.

The 14 Armd Div Arty AOP adjusted the 499 AFA Bn on an ey vehicle at Q9553-3035 at 0945A. 12 rds were fired and the vehicle was destroyed.

The 101 A/B Div Arty AOP adjusted the 499 AFA Bn on an ey mortar at R0009-2580 at 1220A. The mortar was destroyed with 15 rds.

At 1435A the 499 AFA Bn AOP adjusted his bn on 2 ey vehicles and personnel at R02652498. 29 rds were fired. 1 vehicle was damaged and the personnel took cover in nearby houses.

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At 1035A the 499 AFA Bn fired on a bridge and personnel at 9996263. 30 rds were expended on this mission. Personnel were dispersed. The bridge was not destroyed but it was damaged sufficiently to deny its use to vehicles.

At the request of the 36 Div Arty a B1N40 was fired at 1015A on an Ey strong point at R15841736. The 36 Div Arty and 33 FA Brig participated in the firing.

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Def Fire			12							
Har		4		3		15		20		31
Reg	7		7				4		12	
Misc	3	3	7				2	1	4	
Prop					1				8	2
Smoke				3					1	
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Dist							1	
TOTAL		14	46	1	12	8	4	2

AOP Missions - 16

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS

a. No change in forward elements of the Corps.

b. A limited number of articles from the Book Store at Fort Sill are available for sale at Hq, VI Corps Arty. These include small sized log tables, clipboards, small spiral notebooks, 12 inch graphical firing tables for 155mm How and 155mm Gun, mechanical pencils, clip-type notebooks, index tabs and fountain pen ink. Come early and avoid the rush.

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DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #154.

SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

The Corps sector remained quiet except for the right flank where 36 Div's attacks on OBERHOFFEN (0820) and DRUSENHEIM (1518) met surprisingly determined resistance. During the morning ey inf supported by arty and two tanks or SPs in W and S edge of DRUSENHEIM forced our troops back to the woods W and S of the town where they reorganized for the afternoon attack. Ey pillbox at 159177 and MG fire from woods at 163167 also slowed our advance. Heavy fighting also took place in N OBERHOFFEN (0920) where ey AW and SP fire from woods vic 095213 was supported by arty and mortar fire. Due to heavy and determined resistance from both tanks and inf, our troops were forced to withdraw from DRUSENHEIM in the afternoon after successfully clearing RB at 154174. In OBERHOFFEN our forward elements vic 089208 received hvy SA and considerable arty fire. Shelling in this area was steady from 1100A until 1445A and totatled approximately 100 rds.

During the night 103 Div patrols encountered hvy resistance in N and W parts of BISCHOLTZ (8532) but 45 Div patrols made no contact at the following points: 849361, 841377, 838330, 800382, 871373, 826374 and 805376. The center of the Corps front remained quiet during the rest of the period. In the afternoon 157 Inf patrol dispersed strong ey patrol at 845355 after hvy firefight, but otherwise this sector too was inactive.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. Over most of the front enemy artillery fire was light and infrequent, but tenacious enemy defense in the 36th Div zone of attack was supported by considerable artillery fire, resulting in a slight rise in total activity. During a fairly active night HAGUENAU, ROERWILLER, BISCHWILLER, and OBERHOFFEN all received small harassing concentrations, but our positions on the river vic 9925 drew 45 rounds lt cal at 2315A. Our morning attack on DRUSENHEIM brought the greatest reaction from artillery to the NE and across the river. 60 rounds fell vic 17-16 between 0855A and 1910A, and smaller concentrations fell in the town itself quite frequently until about 1400A when the fire fell off. In the afternoon 20 round concentration fell N of LICHENBURG and vic DAUFENDORF (9426) with small concentrations scattered in the NEUBURG-SCHNEIDHAUSEN area. OBERHOFFEN drew several moderate concentrations, and heavy caliber fire was reported on various points in the HAGUENAU area during the day.

Shallrep total: 57

101 Div	36 Div	45 Div	103 Div	33 Brig	405 Gp	2 FOB
13	37	1	1	3	1	1

b. Changes to EB List #23.

(1) Additions:

CONC NO.	COORDS	ACC	SOURCE	NO./TYPE
8150 OY	8131-5041	B	2 FOB-S	3/G
8242 OS	8263-4280	A	AP-8 Feb	3/Lt Prob
8440 OT	8424-4061	A	AP-8 Feb	3/Lt
8638 OU	8679-3810	A	AP-8 Feb	3/Lt
8931 PI	8989-3184	B	AOP	1/G
0028 PE	0056-2825	B	AP-8 Feb	2/G Prob
0027 PD	0064-2799	B	AP-8 Feb	3/G Prob
0326 PG	0303-2693	B	AP-8 Feb	3/G Prob
0327 PF	0339-2785	B	AP-8 Feb	3/G Prob
0924 PH	0961-2473	B	AOP	3/G
1725 PC	1738-2598	A	AP-8 Feb	5/HAA Prob
1712 OV	1784-1227	A	AP-GOP	3/Lt
1822 PA	1895-2218	A	AP-8 Feb	3/HAA
1822 PB	1397-2203	A	AP-8 Feb	3/HAA
1922 OZ	1905-2205	A	AP-8 Feb	3/HAA
1921 OR	1939-2192	A	AP-8 Feb	3/105
1913 OX	1944-1311	B	AOP	Btry
2217 OW	2254-1756	B	AOP	3/Mod

## (3) Deletions:

7741 JV	8245 KZ	8546 LR
7942 LD	8342 LA	1124 NY
8144 MO	8344 MP	
8243 HJ	8539 NS	

(4) Suspect List #23-6 Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional information or a more accurate location.

222-117	1/G	AOP
078-243	3/SP	AOP
1981-1431	1/G	AOP
989-305	1/G	AOP
225-167	Bn of 7/G	AOP
1160-2204	1/G	AOP
8906-3105	1/G	AOP
7928-4812	3/G	2 FOB-S

"A" Btry of 2 FOB picked up two locations during the period. One was a new location of 3 guns and the other a "C" accuracy location of 3 guns in 7948 square.

SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. During the period the artillery with the Corps fired observed missions on personnel, vehicles, machine guns and mortars, and enemy guns. Unobserved missions were fired on enemy battery locations and harassing targets.

Ey lines of communication were lightly harassed during the night.

The 141 FA Bn was attached to the Corps and closed into positions vic BOUXWILLER (Q8125) at 1530A.

The 69 AFA Bn was attached to the 45 Div Arty and closed into positions vic WEINBOURG (Q7830) at 1515A.

The 693 FA Bn was relieved from attachment to the Corps during the period.

From 0905A to 0947A the 405 Gp AOP adjusted the 995 FA Bn on a house and heavy MG at Q8654-3189. 19 rds were fired resulting in three houses being destroyed and a fire started.

At 0800A Btry A, 2d FA Obsn Bn's Flash OP#1 picked up a working party around a house at Q9004-2971. The 995 FA Bn was adjusted on the house at 0820A. 13 rds were fired. The house was destroyed and the personnel dispersed. Later, at 1020A, "A" Flash reported small groups of ey personnel repairing wire lines in this same area. The 383 FA Bn was then adjusted on the target and fired 11 rds. The personnel were dispersed and went into a nearby woods.

At 1725A a GOP of the 382 FA Bn adjusted his Bn on approximately 6 ey Inf at Q9226-2920. Three casualties were reported observed.

At 1030A the 101 A/B Div Arty AOP adjusted the 499 AFA Bn on an ey vehicle at R0080-2569. 12 rds were fired and the vehicle was reported as being hit and damaged.

The 14 Arm'd Div Arty AOP adjusted the 499 AFA Bn on a working party engaged in felling trees vic Q979-267 at 1225A. 20 rds of HE were placed on this target with good effect. No more activity was noted.

At 1516A the 976 FA Bn AOP adjusted the 17 FA Bn on a target, believed to be an SP or tank, in a pit at Q8906-3105. 29 rds were fired of which 2 hit a tree beside the target and the gun ceased firing.

## b. Summary of Missions:

## (1) Div Arty

	14 ADA		36 IDA		45 IDA		101 A/B		103 IDA	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB			18		2				1	1
Per	5		34		1	7	16		12	
Veh	1		1			1	2			3
MG & Mor	1		7				16	1		
Armor			3				1			
Def Fires			8	5						
Har		5		15		9		21		28
Reg	4		11				7		9	
Misc		8		16			5		7	
Prop									7	
TOTAL	11	13	82	36	1	19	47	22	36	32



(2) Corps Arty:

	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	13	24	2	1			1	
Per	1	1			1	1		
Veh								2
Har		23		10		4		9
Reg	1				3		1	
Misc								4
Dest					2		1	
TOTAL	15	53	2	11	6	5	3	15

AOP Missions: 20

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. NOTICE TO ALL SURVEY OFFICERS

An isogonic chart, now in the possession of Engineer O, 7 Army, reveals a magnetic island exists in our area centering approximately on HOCHELDEN (8817) and producing a divergence of approximately 8 mils. Until complete information on this condition can be obtained and distributed, it is necessary that grid azimuths be used in establishing direction. The Corps Survey officer is making efforts to obtain all necessary data and will distribute it immediately when such becomes available.

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(Source: G-2 Report, Hq VI Corps 9 Feb 45.)

a. What German Civilians think of the American occupation.

The 18 VG Div in the course of the recent change in German fortunes passed through various towns and villages formerly occupied by American troops. Here are some comments made by the German population to the German soldiers and obtained through interrogation of the latter:

(1) The German civilians in SETZ (P-9188) were evacuated to a civilian internment camp when our troops first entered the area. While in the camp good treatment was the rule, according to the population. After the area had been secured and the fighting had moved to regions further E, the civilians were allowed to return to their village. When some disturbances were caused by members of the Belgian White Brigade, a German spokesman was permitted to see the American Military Government official at ST VITH. Steps were taken to prevent recurrence of the incidents. This example of American justice was met with unanimous approval and admiration.

(2) The civilians in AUW (L-0089) refused to obey the evacuation order given to them by Nazi officials, when the German forces once more retreated. The opinion among the population was that they had been well treated by the Americans during their period of occupation and that they were anxious for these good times to recur. They advised German soldiers to surrender so that the war might be brought to a speedy conclusion and people could live once more in peace. Several instances have become known, where German civilians, who at first fled to the interior of Germany, actually returned to their homesteads when they learned by various ways that the stories about supposed American atrocities were just so many lies invented by the German propaganda.

(3) This comment is by a man from the 12 SS Pz Div "HJ": A lot had been written and said in Germany about the cruel treatment of the population in American-held territory. In the 12 SS Div everybody had believed these stories. When the men of this Div actually talked to farmers in regions formerly occupied by Americans, a quite different picture emerged: The Americans, counter to established German practices, had not taken away any cattle, food or other commodities. They had behaved correctly and had not raped any German women. It seemed that the German rural population had been happier when they saw American soldiers, than when they once again came face to face with their own Army, not to mention the SS.

(Source: Third US Army G-2 Periodic Report No 240, 6 Feb 45)

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ANNEX #2 TO PERIODIC REPORT #154.

INTERROGATION REPORT  
VI CORPS ARTY  
IPW TEAM

10 February 1945

Prisoners: 2 Off, 1 EM.

Organizations: 257th Arty Regt, 3 Btry. (2 PW's)  
466th Grenadier Regt, 2nd Bn (1 PW)

Captured by: 36th Div.

Place of capture: Oberhoffen Sur Moder.

Date of Capture: 9 Feb 1945 1700

Strength: 3 Btry 257 Arty Regt approx 80 men.

Movement of Units: 3rd Btry 257th Arty Regt moved from Ober botschdorf to location 1064-2232 (Map Haguenau 7-8) Feb 5th.

PW's sent forward to Oberhoffen for observing. (1 Lt, 1 EM)

Artillery: 6 - 75mm guns at 1064-2232 (Map Haguenau 7-8) distance between guns 30-40 meters.

Personalities: CO of 3rd Btry 257th Arty Regt Lt Sproesser  
CO 2nd Bn 466th Inf Regt Capt Waddewitz (PW)

Miscellaneous: Arty Lt (PW) states that:

Pozit shells observed by himself explode too high from the ground thus losing their effectiveness.

Inf Capt (PW) states:

Saw shells explode 60m above ground and finds them very effective.

Phosphorous: PW's find it effective--One PW claims in winter some effect is lost because of heavy clothing which can be quickly removed.

PW Capt states the use of Phosphorous shells is "unfair" comes close to gas warfare. Otherwise he considers our Arty extremely good, especially our Counter-battery.

Searchlights: If lights are not aimed directly at enemy it is not too effective since both sides benefit then. PW's had not heard of any directed efforts to knock out searchlights.

Interrogated by  
IPW Team 182 (VI Corps Arty)

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Date: 11 Feb 45  
From: 101800A Feb 45  
To : 111800A Feb 45

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Ey reacted to our P.W.B. broadcast in the 45th Div sector with at least 70 flares which may have been an effort to prevent desertions. An estimated ey Co. successfully repulsed our three attempts to take pillbox vic R-160168 with S/A, A/W and mortar fire. An estimated ey Co. supported by an armored car launched an attack from woods at R- 097205 and cut road at R-095202.

Ey's early morning penetration in OBERHOFFEN R-0920 was wiped out and 150 PW's were taken including C.O. 1st Bn 477 V.G.R. A small ey group vic R-153184 engaged our patrols with M/G and high velocity gun fire. A cub type of plane with U. S. markings was reported to have dropped an AP bomb vic R-127145 at 1645A.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

With both sides failing to make any aggressive infantry action during the period, the activity of the enemy artillery dropped considerably and light shelling was the rule. All the shelling reported was confined to the Corps front E of SCHWEIGHAUSEN except for 2 rounds medium or heavy cal., which fell in the woods at 815268. Harassing fire during the night consisted of an approximate total of 50 rounds, and was scattered in the OBERHOFFEN area and in the right flank sector. Daylight activity was only slightly greater with the HAGUENAU and OBERHOFFEN regions being the chief targets for small concentrations, the heaviest estimated at 12 rounds. OBERHOFFEN drew 40 rounds of rocket fire and 10 rounds medium caliber at 0845A.

The presence of considerable AA artillery in the SESSENHEIM-SOUFFLENHEIM area, aside from protection of communications in that sector, may be due to the presence of reinforcing flak artillery functioning in a ground role in support of several non-divisional infantry elements in that zone which would not have organic artillery with them. Very probably 257 AR is in position in the woods N of CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN and SCHIRHEIM, where its howitzers may more easily be sited in the clearings and also gain concealment.

Shellrep total: 26

36 Div	101 Div	33 Brig	2 FOB	405 Gp
13	8	3	1	1

2 sound locations, both of "C" accuracy were made during the period, one at 805-430 and the other at 805-517. Flash NTR.

EB list #24 accompanies this report.

SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Missions fired by the artillery with the Corps during the period were rather light, especially in the Corps left sector. Visibility during the morning and early afternoon was good, permitting units to catch up on registrations. The majority of the remaining observed missions fired were on ey personnel and vehicular activity. Unobserved missions were largely fired on ey battery locations and harassing targets.

A light harassing program was fired during the night on ey battery locations, CP's and supply points.

The 977 FA GOP adjusted his Bn on ey vehicles around a house at Q9096-3824 at 1415A. 23 rds were fired resulting in hits on the house, several explosions, and a fire started.

At 1630A the 939 FA Bn AOP adjusted the 938 FA Bn on ey personnel in a house at R0861-2200. 20 rds HE were expended with 4 direct hits with delay fuze being obtained.

A FO of the 377 Prcht FA Bn adjusted the 634 FA Bn at 1520A on ey inf and vehicles at Q9620-2736 with very good effect being reported on the personnel.

At 1050A the 6 GP AOP adjusted the 938 FA Bn on 4 ey guns at R1111-2289. 17 rds HE were fired with the area being well covered but no visible effect could be reported.

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At 1400A "A" Flash, 2 FCB, adjusted the 383 FA Bn on 8-15 cy Inf and 2 vehicles at Q9008-3201. 20 rds were fired. The area was well covered and wounded were observed being evacuated.

b. Summary of Missions:

(1) Div Arty:

Type	14 ADA		36 IDA		45 IDA		101 A/B		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB			2				1			
Per	4		62		2		8		12	4
Veh							3			3
MG & Mor			14		3		5			
Armor			12				2		1	1
Def Fire				11						
Har		6		10		21		27		34
Reg	11						7		15	
Misc	1	5	19	26					7	2
Prop								15		
Smoke					1					
TOTAL	16	11	109	47	6	21	25	43	35	44

(2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	1	16			1			1
Per	2	2			1	1		
Veh	3				1			
Armor					1			
Def Fires		2						1
Har		27		10		6		
Reg	6		2		6		1	
TOTAL	12	47	2	10	9	8	1	2

AOP Missions: 17

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

No change.

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ENEMY BTRY LIST #24

<u>CONC NO.</u>	<u>COORDS</u>	<u>ACC</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>NO/TYPE</u>
7649 OK	7600-4922	A	2FOB-S	2/G
8142 HR	8180-4295	B	PW	4/G
8150 OY	8131-5041	B	2FOB-S	3/G
8242 NJ	8228-4270	A	AP 8 Feb	4/Lt
8242 OS	8263-4280	A	AP 8 Feb	3/Lt
8245 KZ	8278-4517	A	AP & PW	4/Lt
8342 XA	8313-4295	A	AP 8 Feb	4/Lt
8439 OG	8489-3927	B	AOP	1/G
8440 OT	8424-4061	A	AP 8 Feb	3/G
8441 XB	8438-4113	A	AP 8 Feb	4/Lt
8444 KY	8400-4438	A	AP 15 Jan	4/Lt
8638 OU	8679-3810	A	AP 8 Feb	3/Lt
8830 NH	8810-3077	A	AP 2 Feb	1/Lt
8831 ZL	8868-3118	A	AP 2 Feb	3/HAA
8831 NK	8871-3145	A	AP 2 Feb	4/Lt
8835 NC	8874-3550	A	2FOB-S	1/G
8931 PI	8989-3184	B	AOP	1/G
9035 NT	9009-3571	B	AOP	4/FAA
9131 YR	9184-3192	A	AP 8 Feb	3/Lt
9134 NN	9172-3447	B	AOP	4/G
9230 ZV	9293-3076	A	AP 2 Feb 2FOB-F	4/Lt
9231 YU	9240-3122	A	AP 8 Feb	1/Lt
9231 YV	9260-3135	A	AP 8 Feb	1/Lt
9331 ZS	9357-3150	A	AP 8 Feb	1/Lt
9331 NM	9376-3150	A	AP 8 Feb	3/Lt
9332 OP	9344-3225	A	AP 8 Feb	2/Lt
9332 ZT	9350-3227	A	AP 2 Feb	2/Lt
9430 YW	9415-3053	A	AP 8 Feb	2/Lt
9432 ZU	9422-3227	A	AP 2 Feb	2/Lt
9529 YJ	9547-2925	A	AP 2 Feb	1/G
9529 ZB	9567-2935	A	AP 2 Feb	4/Lt
9529 YB	9580-2930	A	AP 2 Feb	4/Lt
9530 ZA	9538-3080	A	AP 2 Feb	4/Lt
9530 ZP	9552-3020	A	AP 2 Feb	3/Med
9531 ZQ	9555-3191	A	AP 2 Feb	4/Lt
9532 NO	9571-3240	A	2FOB-F AOP	4/Lt
9629 YM	9600-2907	A	AP 2 Feb	4/Lt
9629 YN	9640-2978	A	AP 2 Feb	4/Lt
9631 OA	9645-3181	A	AP 2 Feb	4/Lt
9632 ZY	9635-3274	A	AP 2 Feb	3/Lt
9730 ON	9789-3075	B	AOP	2/Med
9733 YD	9794-3358	A	AP 2 Feb & AOP	4/HAA
9831 OI	9878-3138	A	AP 8 Feb	3/Med
9833 YZ	9800-3322	A	AP 8 Feb	4/Lt
9833 YC	9820-3318	A	AP 2 Feb	4/HAA
9838 OQ	9867-3847	B	AOP	1/Med
9930 MX	9925-3030	A	AP 2 Feb	2/Lt
9931 OJ	9905-3185	A	AP 8 Feb	3/Lt
0027 FD	0064-2799	B	AP 8 Feb	3/Lt
0028 PE	0056-2825	B	AP 8 Feb	2/Lt
0030 ZN	0031-3077	A	AP 2 Feb	4/Lt
0130 ZM	0103-3003	A	AP 2 Feb	4/Lt
0131 YS	0180-3177	A	AP 8 Feb	4/Lt
0226 OF	0254-2645	B	AOP	4/G
0235 YH	0230-3535	A	AP 2 Feb & AOP	4/Lt
0326 PG	0303-2693	B	AP 8 Feb	3/G
0327 PF	0339-2785	A	AP 8 Feb	3/G
0431 OE	045-315	B	AOP	4/Med
0824 OL	0838-2428	B	2FOB-S	3/G
0824 PL	0890-2485	B	AOP	4/G
0926 PN	0936-2663	B	PW	6/105

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ENEMY BTRY LIST #24 (Cont)

<u>CONC NO.</u>	<u>COORDS</u>	<u>ACC</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>NO/TYPE</u>
1022 MT	1058-2238	B	FW	3/75
1023 OD	1095-2363	B	AOP	4/G
1024 PH	1011-2474	B	AOP	3/G
1122 FK	1104-2232	B	FW	3/75
1122 NX	1111-2289	B	AOP	3/G
1124 NZ	1105-2432	A	AP 2 Feb	1/G
1222 OC	1284-2262	B	AOP	4/G
1227 FM	1272-2758	B	FW	6/Med
1322 YI	1355-2295	A	AP 2 Feb	4/HAA
1322 MS	1385-2270	B	AOP	2/HAA
1422 OM	1446-2230	B	2FOB-S	1/G
1606 ZO	1630-0680	A	AP 2 Feb	4/Lt
1624 ZE	1685-2461	A	AP 2 Feb	4/HAA
1712 OV	1784-1227	A	AP 8 Feb	3/G
1722 ZD	1793-2238	A	AP 2 Feb & 2FOB-S	4/HAA
1722 ZC	1799-2295	A	AP 2 Feb	3/Lt
1725 PC	1738-2598	A	AP 8 Feb	5/HAA
1726 NV	172-265	B	AOP	4/HAA
1821 PJ	1868-2160	A	AP 8 Feb	3/Lt
1822 PB	1897-2203	A	AP 8 Feb	4/HAA
1822 PA	1895-2218	A	AP 8 Feb	3/HAA
1912 UQ	1998-1250	A	AP 14 Jan	4/Lt
1913 OX	1944-1311	B	AOP	4/G
1921 OR	1939-2192	A	AP 8 Feb	3/Lt
1922 OZ	1905-2205	A	AP 8 Feb	3/HAA
2011 UP	2039-1167	A	AP 14 Jan	4/Lt
2014 OH	2047-1444	B	AOP	4/G
2024 ZF	2040-2442	A	AP 2 Feb	4/HAA
2217 OW	226-175	B	AOP	3/Med
2219 YT	2292-1921	A	AP 8 Feb	3/Med

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ANNEX #1 TO PERIODIC REPORT #155.- INTERROGATION REPORT

11 Feb 45

Haguenau Sheet 7-8

Period 1800 10 Feb 45  
 1800 11 Feb 45

Prisoners: 3 Noncoms, 1 EM

Organization: 3rd Btry, 257th Arty Regt  
 8th Btry, 257th Arty Regt  
 10th Btry, 257th Arty Regt

Captured by: 36th Division.

Strength: Batteries have combat strength of approx 40-50 men.  
 About 10-15% are non-Germans.

Locations: 3rd Btry PW noncom heard that half the Btry (3-75mm Guns) had moved from last known position at 10582238 to other side of road at 11042232.

8th Btry: 6-150mm Howitzers, one of them temporarily out of commission. PW-noncom, usually deployed as forward observer only, knows only approximate area of position, in clearing in sector 1227, most probably, according to PW, at 12722754. Btry has been moved to this position on 7 Feb due to intercepted radio message which told them that their position has been detected by our planes.

10th Btry: PW-noncom claims position of his Btry (6-105mm How) one of them temporarily out of commission in sector 0926, cannot pinpoint exact location for same reason as above PW.

Personalities: 3rd Btry CO: Lt Sproesser  
 8th Btry CO: Lt Rechenbach  
 10th Btry CO: Lt Schmidt

Miscellaneous: Pozit shells lose much of their effect, according to PW of 3rd Btry, by exploding too high, about 150 to 200 meters above ground. Phosphorus shells are very much feared by the German soldier. They have an "awful lot of respect" according to one PW, they have very much less effect though if they take cover in buildings. Searchlights seem to increase visibility of enemy in areas not directly covered, are, however, a definite disadvantage to enemy if directly beamed at and covered by machine guns. PW-noncom of 10th Btry calls it "very unpleasant".

Morale: According to PW-noncom of 3rd Btry most of his fellow soldiers are tired of war and desirous to see the end. Allied radio propaganda is listened to by practically everybody at home, being very easily and distinctly understood in Germany. Front-line soldiers get almost no direct news about the war. Listening to Allied radio stations is impossible there due to close surveillance. News comes via the grapevine. Germans seem much in need of good leadership in army and are now promoting to noncoms even men with unfavorable political background. Officers, however, have to be politically proven before being given promotions.

Interrogated by IPW Team 182 (VI Corps Arty) T/3 Fred Stevens.



DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #156

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE

Ey was still reacting to 45 Div's broadcast with flare activity and PW's stated ey was taking stringent measures to prevent desertions. An ey patrol was dispersed after a fire fight vic Q807371 and a S/A fight was reported vic Q820368. A strong ey patrol unsuccessfully attempted to infiltrate 36 Div's positions vic R086211. The factory at R086212 changed hands twice during the morning but the period ended with it in the ey's possession. 36 Div took 22 PWs in this area.

A raid by 45 Div's patrol vic Q767393 met stiff opposition. Generally the ey reacted strongly to our patrol activities.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY

a. The ey continued to direct the bulk of his arty fire into that sector of our front E of SCHWEIGHAUSEN, but the slight overall increase in activity was also due to resumption of lt shelling in the western sectors. Night activity was marked by reports of a considerable number of flashes, but lack of accompanying shelling indicates that the ey is using flash simulators excessively, or as is more probable, that our observers are picking up the air bursts of our Fosit fuze harassing program. The LA WALCK area (9027) drew 12 rds nebelwerfer at 2120A. Several 10-20 rd concentrations fell E of HAGUENAU and E of NEUBOURG. Except for two estimated 50 rd shellings vic 0622 and in OBERHOFFEN (0921), and a reported 150 rds mixed caliber in KALTENHOUSE at 1615A, the fire during the day was lt, the fire being scattered in the woods SE of HAGUENAU and in OBERHOFFEN. The ey made two possible lt cal registrations in the 7540 sq in the afternoon.

Shellrep total - 41

101 Div	36 Div	103 Div	45 Div	33 Brig	6 Gp	35 Gp
13	7	3	2	7	8	1

b. Changes to EB List #24:

(1) Additions:

CONC NO	COORDINATE	ACC	SOURCE	NO/TYPE
7845 KU	7868-4545	A	AP - 11 Feb	4/Med
8143 KO	8115-4374	A	AP - 11 Feb	4/Lt
8242 PT	8296-4277	A	AP - 11 Feb	3/75
8343 PS	8314-4308	A	AP - 11 Feb	2/75
9131 XC	9132-3175	A	AP - 11 Feb	2/Lt
9530 PQ	9566-3008	A	AP - 11 Feb	3/Lt
9532 PR	9525-3217	A	AP - 11 Feb	2/Lt
9931 XE	9906-3131	A	AP - 11 Feb	1/Lt
0827 PP #1	0892-2721	A	AP - 2 Feb	1/Lt
0927 PP #2	0916-2719	A	AP - 2 Feb	1/Lt
0927 PP #3	0931-2705	A	AP - 2 Feb	1/Lt
0926 PP #4	0926-2693	A	AP - 2 Feb	1/Lt
1226 PO	1219-2607	B	AP - 2 Feb	2/Lt

(2) Amend:

0824 PL	0879-2455	A	PW	4/105
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(3) Deletions:

9530 ZP	9629 YM	9529 ZB
9529 YJ	9529 YB	

(4) Suspect List #23-7

1032-2087	1/-	A acc.	2 FOB - F
918 - 334	1/-		PW
918 - 314	1/-		PW

No sound locations were made during the period. Baker flash obtained a location on a close in gun, probably tank or SP, vic 103-208 and a "C" plot at 105-210.

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## SECTION III. OPERATIONS

a. Except in the Corps right sector activity by the arty with the Corps was extremely lt. This lack of activity was due to very poor visibility and little or no ey activity. In the Corps right sector the 36 Div Arty fired numerous observed missions on ey personnel and defensive fires. The majority of the remaining missions fired were unobserved counter-battery and harassing targets.

A lt harassing program was fired during the night on ey lines of communication, CPs, and supply points.

At 1715A the 131 FA Bn GOP adjusted his bn on a machine gun and personnel at R143194. Time fire was used with good results being reported.

An FO of the 133 FA Bn adjusted the 155 FA Bn at 1545A on an ey CP at R158-179. Out of 22 rds fired 3 direct hits were reported.

A GOP of the 59 AFA Bn adjusted his bn on an ey dugout and personnel at R07132236 at 1515A and again at 1715A. A total of 25 rds were expended. The observer reported casualties resulting from the fire.

At 1650A the 938 FA Bn AOP adjusted his bn on an estimated 150 ey at R1646-2469. 34 rds were fired with excellent effect reported. The personnel were dispersed and were observed going back into the town of SCUTLENHEIM (Q1625).

At 1802A an FO of the 321 Glider FA Bn adjusted the 634 FA Bn on ey in a house at R02532454. 13 rds were fired with 8 hits being obtained.

At 1532A the 6 Gp AOP observed 2 trains vic R12503297. 5 rds of smoke were fired by the 36 FA Bn in an attempt to adjust on the trains but they immediately started moving to the E and were soon out of range.

### b. Summary of Missions:

#### (1) Div Arty:

Type	<u>14 ADA</u>		<u>36 IDA</u>		<u>45 IDA</u>		<u>101 ABD</u>		<u>103 IDA</u>	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
Per	2		41		1		12	1	4	1
Veh			1				1			
MG & Mor			6				9	1	1	1
Armor	1		4				4			1
Def Fire			19	5						
Har		4		4	3	16		18		34
Reg	1		8				5		6	
Misc			8				5	1	2	1
Marking			5							
TOTAL	4	4	92	9	4	16	36	21	13	38

#### (2) Corps Arty:

Type	<u>6 Gp</u>		<u>17 Gp</u>		<u>35 Gp</u>		<u>405 Gp</u>		<u>33 Brig</u>	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		19								
Per	2	1					1			
Har		27			8		7		1	
Reg	2									
Misc									1	
Train										
TOTAL	4	47	0	0	0	8	0	8	1	2

AOP Missions - 2

## SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS

No change.

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ANNEX 1 TO PERIODIC REPORT #156

INTERROGATION REPORT  
VI CORPS ARTY  
IPW TEAM

12 February 1945

Prisoners: 10

Organizations: Hq Co, 1st Bn, 477th VG Regt  
4th Co " "  
8th 457th Regt  
2nd Co 257th Engineer Bn  
7th Btry 257th Arty Regt  
1st Co Bn "Kleppmayer" Regt "Zweibruecken"  
14th Co 466th Regt

Strength: 4th Co 477th VG Regt 35-40 men (approx)  
1st Co Bn "Kleppmayer" 30 men (almost all men are  
either over 35 or have  
been wounded several  
times)

14th Co 466th Regt Approx 75 men

Personalities: 1st Co Bn "Kleppmayer" - C.O. Lt Wuertinger  
4th Co 477th VG Regt - C.O. Lt Voges

Locations: 7th Btry 257th Arty Regt 4-105mm How at 087246 (as of  
10th Feb) Distance between  
guns 20-30 meters.

NCO PW reports having heard firing of guns, saw flashes  
coming from the general direction of squares 0927 and  
0926 - estimated the guns to be of 150mm size.

Miscellaneous: Phosphorous: Dangerous and very demoralizing espec-  
ially when alternated with HE

Pozit: According to PW's heavy losses even  
in foxholes. Explodes generally at  
heights estimated by PW's to be any-  
where from 200-400 meters.  
There are occasional duds. (PW says  
that they stay away from duds very  
often because they fear time fuzes  
are being used)

Searchlights: Almost all German soldiers are intri-  
gued by our use of lights. Some are  
even making wagers as to the purpose  
and in estimating locations and dis-  
tance away. Some statements are:

"You are using them as direction indi-  
cators for planes, aren't you?"

"You evidently are using them to in-  
dicate where the front-line areas are."

"It is neither an advantage nor dis-  
advantage but I do prefer to work in  
the dark."

One NCO PW feels that flares would be  
much more effective since they catch  
the enemy off guard.

Arty: Remarks considering our arty are fav-  
orable especially mentioned was the  
observation end of it. One NCO PW  
states that German arty often withheld

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their fire because our arty would reply instantly and come uncomfortably close.

Miscellaneous: Remarks: One PW remarked - "If we only had the material you have, then we could achieve something yet." when he referred to our arty.

NOTEWORTHY\*

14th Co 466th Regt (usually the 14th Co is the AT Co of a Regt) has no AT guns in this case. Men are equipped with bazookas and AT grenades only. The men are divided into groups of 8 men with three bazookas and attached to the various Rifle Co's as AT protection.

4th Co 477th VG Regt had for its 3 - 81 mm mortars only 100 rds of ammo for the past week and did not fire because of this ammo shortage.

MORALE: The best answer given yet to the question of morale is "Just look at your men, then look at ours -- Need I say more?"

Interrogated by  
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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Ey remained alert and sensitive to our patrols and strong ey positions vic Q767393 heavily engaged our raiding party. An extremely alert ey vic Q912283 showered our patrols with grenades and hvy machine pistol fire. A PW from pioneer Bn 35th Div states ey is building a secondary defense line between ENGWILLER Q9131 and GUMBERTSHOFFEN Q9234 and that the 36 Div had ordered 29,000 mines to supplement a 60 per day production by Engrs in saw mill at Q920339. A rcn patrol of the 45th Div reported that hill 384 at Q851363 was unoccupied. There was a limited number of small group movements, most of which were observed between MIETESHEIM Q9331 and OTTENHOFFEN Q9432 in the 103rd Div sector. 30 ey were dispersed by our arty vic R128220. Patrols observed ey AT gun at R143195 and a road block at R142197.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. The defensive attitude of the ey and our own lack of aggressiveness resulted in a noticeable decrease in ey arty activity during the period. Very few concentrations of over 5 rds were reported and shelling during the night was extremely light. Our fwd elements in the 1615 sq caught 30 rds of 1t cal fire from the SESSENHEIM area early in the period and BISCHWILLER was hit with 8 rds. Inf in the 8629 sq were harassed with 12 rds of 150 cal fire at the same time and from then until mid-morning ey arty activity was practically nil. BISCHWILLER and REIPERTSWILLER areas received 10 and 16 rds respectively of 1t cal and PFAFFENHOFFEN caught a few rds of 98. At noon 4 rds of estimated hvy cal fire fell in BISCHWILTZ 8532. Activity during the rest of the period was confined to scattered concentrations, mostly under 5 rds, from 75s, 88s, 105s, and one btry of mediums. The bulk of this afternoon's shelling appeared to be either registrations or very 1t harassing fire. PFAFFENHOFFEN, ALTHORN, RINGENDORF, RINGEL-DORF, E HAGUENAU, and ROHRWILLER were the areas shelled.

Shellrep total: 24  
103 Div-7, 45 Div-4, 36 Div-4, 101 Div-2, 53 Brig-3, 405 Gp-3, 2 FOB-1

b. Changes to EB List No. 24:  
(1) Additions:

CONC NO.	COORDS	ACC	SOURCE	NO./TYPE
7542 M4R	7560-4250	A	XVC AP-2 Feb	3/Lt
7642 M4Q	7609-4256	A	XVC AP-2 Feb	3/Lt
8441 PZ	8452-4199	A	AP-8 Feb	1/Lt
9133 PW	9192-3321	A	AP-8 Feb	4/Lt
0328 PU #1	0309-2814	A	AP-2 Feb	3/Lt
0328 PU #2	0301-2829	A	AP-2 Feb	1/Lt
0527 PV	0530-2720	A	AP-2 Feb	1/Lt
1023 PY #1	1020-2332	A	2 FOB-S	1/HAA
1023 PY #2	1052-2390	A	2 FOB-S	1/HAA
1526 QA	1559-2605	B	AOP	4/Lt
1917 PX	1956-1710	B	AOP	2/-

(2) Amendments:

0724 OL                      0777-2427                      A                      AOP & AP-2 Feb                      3/-

(3) Suspect List #24-2

063-257                      2/-                      AOP  
164-085                      1/-                      C acc                      2 FOB-F

2 FOB reported three sound locations during the period of hvy AA guns in the 1029 Sq and flash turned in a "C" plot in the 1608 sq.

SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Activity by the artillery with the Corps during the period continued to remain relatively quiet and about equally distributed over the Corps front. Visibility was fair to good. The number of AOP missions during the period rose appreciably.

A light harassing program was fired during the night on lines of communication, and CP's.

At 1630A the 977 FA Bn GOP adjusted the 141 FA Bn on 30-40 ey personnel and two trucks at Q9128-3184. Personnel were dispersed. Effect on the trucks could not be observed.

At 1300A the 995 FA Bn AOP adjusted his Bn on a tank beside a house at Q8647-3485. 14 rds were fired resulting in the house being destroyed and the tank being damaged.

At 1230A the 384 FA Bn fired 20 rds on a sawmill at Q9206-3389 being used by the ey to make mines. A large explosion resulted from the firing.

At Q841A the 928 FA Bn fired 8 rds on ey digging in at Q8492-3428. The infantry observer conducting the shoot reported 4 casualties.

At 1135A the 382 FA Bn laid one peice on a stretch of road at Q9339-3143 observed to be active. This gun was kept laid on the road all afternoon. A total of 51 rds were fired with very good effect reported. The road was kept under surveillance all afternoon.

The 36 Div Arty fired two propaganda missions during the period. The 132 FA Bn reported one group of 3 ey and another group of 5 ey surrendering to us with some of the surrender passes in their possession.

At 1432A the 938 FA Bn GOP adjusted his Bn on an ey gun and approximately 25 personnel at R1655-2486. 52 rds were expended with following results being reported: one direct hit on the gun, one direct hit on the ammo pile starting a fire, and some casualties. Remaining personnel fled to a nearby house. The house was then taken under fire and destroyed. An ey tank was then discovered by the side of the house. Near hits were observed and the tank is believed disabled. This mission was completed at 1545A.

The 938 FA Bn AOP adjusted his Bn at 1428A on 50-60 ey personnel and vehicles at R149-221. 48 rds HE and 16 rds POZIT fuze were used with results reported as excellent.

The 6 Gp AOP adjusted Btry D, 216 AAA Bn on HD vehicles and personnel at R1105-2402. 22 rds were expended. The observer reported the vehicles abandoned and personnel dispersed.

b. Summary of Missions:

(1) Div Arty:

	14 ADA		36 IDA		45 IDA		101 A/B		103 IDA	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
Per	1		21		12		7		18	
Veh									2	
MG & Mor	1		5				6		5	
Armor			5				2			
Har		9		5		7		22		26
Reg	6		2		6		17		12	
Misc	5		8	7			4		5	
Prop				2						
TOTAL	13	9	41	14	18	7	36	22	42	26

(2) Corps Arty:

	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	5	4		3	1	5		
Per	3				1			
Veh	3				2			
Armor					2			
Har		17		3		8		
Reg	10		3		7		2	
Misc	2	4						
Dest					1			
TOTAL	23	25	3	6	14	13	2	

AOP Missions: 30

SECTION IV. TANK DESTROYERS.

a. Missions and attachments.

(1) 614 TD Bn (3" towed) attached to 103 Inf Div. Provide anti tank defense in the Div sector and continue to improve present positions and reconnoiter for new ones.

(2) 636 TD Bn (3" M10) attached to 36 Inf Div: Provide anti tank defense in the Div sector and fire close assault missions for the Infantry.

(3) 645 TD Bn (90mm M36) attached to 45 Inf Div: Maintain A-T defense, fire direct and indirect fire missions.

(4) 807 TD Bn (3" towed) attached 101 A/B Div: Provide anti tank defense in the Div sector and fire indirect missions.

b. Operations

Early in the period TD's of 636 TD Bn fired over 600 rds of HE and APC, into the factory at (R-086213) with excellent results and causing much damage. On the afternoon of 13th TD's fired approx 25 rds of HE at dug in Inf and bunkers near DRUSENHEIM with very good effect. Elements of Recon Co sent patrols across the MODER river and are being employed in other Inf roles.

One Plt (4 guns) of 645 TD Bn fired indirect harassing fire on MOUTERHOUSE, PETIT MARTEN, SCHENDELTHAL, BAERENTHAL and gun positions at (842406) (83634280) (86793810) with unknown results. TD's fired direct fire at enemy Inf on hill at (768392) and harassed the ALTHORN-MOUTERHOUSE Road with very good results.

The 807 TD Bn had one Plt to fire a total of 102 rds of HE on interdiction and harassing missions.

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

While 45 Div patrols made no contact on W flank during the night, an alert ey at NIEFFERN (8729) prevented 103 Div's raiding party from entering the town. PW's claim these raids have the ey jittery and allow them to sleep only in the daytime. Light contact was made N of OBERHOFFEN (0920) as 36 Div patrols to 091212 and 098209 drew fire from NE. 25 ey were reported dug in near factory at 085213 but these were cleared out during the period. BRUMATH (9814) received 15 rds from a 380mm RR gun in the 1537 square during the night but surprisingly little damage was caused.

In the morning ey withdrew from road block vic 142198 under pressure of 36 Div's raid after resisting with MG and mortar fire. 45 Div patrols were engaged by ey MG's at 766390, 766393, 767400, 768398 and riflemen vic 766393. 10 ey were routed from house vic 789406. In 103 Div's sector, arty fired on SP gun at 877316, personnel along edge of woods at 901321, vehicles and personnel moving S vic 918385. Air OP's of 6 AFA Gp, 405 FA Gp and 35 FA Gp were especially active, reporting scattered traffic in the ZINSWILLER-OBERERONN-NIEDERBRONN (9338) area, south of KARLSRUHE and around SOUFFLENHEIM (1625).

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. Good visibility today induced enemy artillery all along the front to open up in greater degree, but the increase was mostly in activity of different guns, for no concentration reported exceeded 20 rounds, evidently due to fear of being observed and counterbattered. Many of the concentrations were small, and undoubtedly some were registrations. The most active gun area was that in the woods NE of the line HAGUENAU-BISCHWILLER, and it was in this sector that most of the fire fell, with the bulk of the concentrations scattered on our forward positions in vicinity of OBERHOFFEN and BISCHWILLER. Chief event of the period was the reappearance of a 380mm cal gun, which shelled BRUMATH intermittently during the night. Other night activity included light harassing fire vic OBERHOFFEN and REIPERTSWILLER. In the daytime the enemy placed small concentrations in vic of ALTHORN, SCHWEIGHAUSEN, REIPERTSWILLER, INGWILLER, and our river positions in the HAGUENAU area. ROTHBACH drew 3 rounds smoke at 1600A. Med. calibers figured quite prominently in the shelling of OBERHOFFEN and BISCHWILLER.

The 380mm gun which shelled BRUMATH during the night is the same type as that which shelled SAVERNE and SAARALBE the latter part of January from a position on the RR line vic of HORNBAACH. Groove bearings obtained by the 36th Div Arty indicate that possibly this same gun has now moved to a location about 1000-1200 mils azimuth from BRUMATH, and may be operating on the railroad vic RASTATT, where a fork NE of the town is very suitable, or near LAUTERBOURG - both locations being about the same range as HORNBAACH-SAVERNE. As is usually the case, many flashes were reported during the night, and one of these flash intersections S of HOFFEN was intersected by the ray of a reported 170mm caliber shelling today vic 097-200. This is a common trick to use another heavy caliber firing from a different direction to cover the firing of these railroad guns.

Shellrep total: 68

36 Div	101 Div	45 Div	103 Div	33 Brig	405 Gp	2 FOB
15	15	7	1	19	1	10

b. Changes to EB List No. 24:

(1) Additions:

CONC NO.	COORDS	ACC	SOURCE	NO/TYPE
8144 QB	8124-4409	A	AP 11 Feb	4/G Prob.
1913 QC	1985-1387	B	AOP	3/G

(2) Amendments:

	COORDS	ACC	SOURCE	NO/TYPE
0824 PL	0934-2465	B	AOP	G
1023 PY	1014-2350	B	2 FOB-S	1 of 6-HAA
1024 PH	1017-2499	B	AOP	G

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(3) Deletions

9629 YN

(4) Suspect List #24-3

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SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. With excellent visibility during the period AOP's were very active, accounting for approximately 50% of the observed missions fired. The activity of the artillery with the Corps was greatest in the Corps right sector and was progressively less active to the left. Observed missions were fired principally on personnel, vehicles, machine guns, and mortars. Unobserved missions were largely confined to counter-battery and harassing targets.

A light harassing program was fired during the night on the oy road net, CP's and supply points.

At 1015A the 17 FA Bn AOP picked up a scattered horse drawn column and about 30-45 personnel on a road at Q889-352. The 17 FA Bn was adjusted on this target using HE. Then three battery volleys of high angle fire using the Pozit fuze was placed on the target. The personnel ran into a nearby clump of woods. Firing was then discontinued as effect could not be observed. The observer reported that height of burst was excellent but that the dispersion in each volley was considerable.

At 1200A the 45 Div Arty AOP adjusted the 17 FA Bn on 10 vehicles on a road at Q867-385. 48 rds of HE were fired with two of the vehicles being reported destroyed.

The 45 Div Arty AOP adjusted the 976 FA Bn at 1645A on a house with 4 vehicles around it at Q818-430. A total of 30 rds were fired with 5 hits on the building and several hits near the vehicles being reported.

At 1703A the 977 FA Bn GOP adjusted the 141 FA Bn on a house, believed being used as a CP, at Q9465-3368. 24 rds were fired with 4 hits being obtained and the house being reported damaged.

A GOP of the 132 FA Bn adjusted his Bn on an oy CP at R128-220. A total of 41 rds were placed on this target at 1620A, 1640A, and 1753A. One direct hit was obtained and 12-15 casualties were noted being carried away.

An FO of the 131 FA Bn adjusted the 155 FA Bn on an oy installation at R1548-1818. Out of 20 rds fired 4 hits were reported.

A GOP of the 59 AFA Bn adjusted his Bn on an oy mortar at R079-218 at 1245A. 21 rds were fired with 3 direct hits being reported.

A GOP of the 131 FA Bn adjusted his Bn on inf and a MG at R151-186. 19 rds were fired with 2 hits being reported.

The 194 FA Bn ACP adjusted Btry A, 72 AAA Bn, on oy vehicles at R1987-1477. 29 rds were fired with very good effect. 1 vehicle was reported disabled and the others were dispersed.

From 1126A to 1144A the 698 FA Bn AOP adjusted his Bn on an oy strong point in a house at R172-153. A total of 8 rds were fired. One direct hit was obtained and set the house on fire. This mission was requested by the 36 Div Arty.

At 1040A the 634 FA Bn dispersed personnel and vehicles at R018-331 with 6 rds of WP and 1 rd of HE. This mission was observed by an FO of the 499 AFA Bn.

Out of 4 rds of HE fired 1 direct hit on a vehicle at R1683-2465 was obtained by the 938 FA Bn at 1456A. The mission was observed by the Bn's GOP.

At 1641A an FO of the 463 Prcht FA Bn adjusted the 634 FA Bn on a building and personnel at R0059-2541. 30 rds were expended with 15 hits being obtained and the building reported as destroyed.

The 6 GP ACP adjusted Btry A, 72 AAA Bn on oy personnel at R169-203. 13 rds were fired with very good effect reported.

A GOP of the 500 AFA Bn adjusted his Bn at 0956A on oy Inf at Q8678-3271. 11 rds were fired with 2 casualties resulting.

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b. Summary of Missions:

(1) Div Arty:

	14 ADA		36 IDA		45 IDA		101 A/B		103 IDA	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB			4				3			
Per	13		23		4		9		13	5
Veh			3						2	
MG & Mor	1		3				14	2	2	1
Prop		3								
Armor			1				1			
Har		3		7		16		14		22
Rog	14		13		12		9		14	
Misc	2	3	6				13		10	
Prop				1			1			
TOTAL	30	9	53	8	16	16	47	19	41	28

(2) Corps Arty:

	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	1	10		1	1	1		
Per	4		1			1		
Veh	3		2		5			
Har		22		6		10		
Rog	9		4		4		1	
Misc					1		1	
Dest							1	
TOTAL	18	32	7	7	11	12	3	0

AOP Missions: 24

SECTION IV. TANK DESTROYERS.

a. Operations

Company "C" and 3rd Plt. "B" Co of 614 TD Bn shifted gun positions in their respective sectors and continued to reconnoiter for alternate positions.

TD's of 636 TD Bn fired 15 rds assault fire on strong points vic. OBERHOFFEN with good results. One TD in indirect fire position at R078167 expended 50 rds HE in support of 131 FA Bn.

Two 4 gun btrys of "B" Co 645 TD fired on MOUTERHOUSE (Q7942), PETIT MARTEAU (Q8142), BAERENTHAL (Q8442) and MELCH (Q7940), gun positions vic Q842406, Q82634280, and Q6793810, all missions being harassing and unobserved.

One 3 gun btry of "C" Co harassed the ALTHORN-MOUTERHOUSE Road and another 3 gun btry completed B.P. registration.

At 1530 hrs afternoon of 14th, 2 TD's of "B" Co fired direct on an unidentified Armd Veh (Tank or S.P) Q852343 and destroyed the veh with many direct hits. The same TD's fired direct on enemy personnel in a house in the same vic, with very good effect.

The 807 TD Bn continued to provide A.T. defense while the 2nd Plt Co "B" fired 90 rds HE harassing fire and a new registration. Recon Plts. patrolling roads arrested one suspicious civilian during the period.

SECTION V. MISCELLANEOUS.

No changes.

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2. 31 Observation Bn (Mtz):

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PW belonged to 3 (Flash) Btry and was captured in an OP Loc S of MONDORF at approx (180908). To our already existing knowledge of this Bn PW added the existence of a meteorological Plat. (Wetterpeilzug). It is composed of 48 highly trained specialists and about three months ago it was outfitted with the very newest secret instruments, enabling it to work with an accuracy never before attained. This Plat reports changes in all factors affecting sound-measuring and flight of shells every 15 minutes. PW believes that 31 Observation Bn is so far the only one equipped with these very newest instruments.

About the works of his Bn the PW gave the following information:

A number of OPs are established, the number varying with the degree of accuracy required. For fair accuracy three OPs seem enough; for exact work a minimum of four seems necessary. The Bn is a GHq unit never working for just a single Arty unit, but always for all the Arty committed in a given sector.

Observation data are passed on from the OPs to a calculating centre (Rechenstelle) which in turn passes its results on to the AKO (Artillerie Kommando). In special cases the AKO passes these on direct to the HAKO (GHq Arty Command).

The Bn is used for observation of targets, determination of hostile Btrys, and for shooting in their own Btrys. Regarding the latter the PW states the following:

A gun will shoot a couple of special shells (Sondergransten) equipped with double detonators (Doppelzuender), one part being timed to explode after a given number of seconds in midair, but allowing the shell to continue to point of impact. The powder used for the midair explosion is such as to give off a white cloud in clear weather; on hazy days a different powder is used which gives off a black cloud. The purpose of this cloud is merely to give the observer the general direction and on the next shot he has to take exact bearings on the flash of the explosion.

PW also added that as a general practice they do not shoot in directly on the target they really want to hit. Instead they will aim at a target Loc at a predetermined angle to their real target and, after all corrections have been made, swing their guns over, thus maintaining an element of surprise. When asked how they could do this and still be accurate on their primary target, in view of different effects of factors such as windpressure, wind direction, etc. PW said that their meteorological Plat gives such accurate reports that this presents no difficulties.

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Following an ey mortar and arty demonstration at 2000A hours, an estimated 30 man patrol crossed the MODER river vic 989257 where 101 Airbornd Div killed several, captured 2 (from 3 Co, 115 GR) and forced remainder to withdraw. On E flank 10 man ey patrol observed vic 147190 and our patrols reported activity vic 165166. 45 Div repulsed an ey patrol at 813370. OPs of 938 FA, 194 FA and 36 FA reported 20-25 searchlights between 2015 and 2020A hours operating from RASTATT to ACHERN (2503). SCHWEIGHAUSEN (0025) and NEUBOURG (9626) received hvy mortar and arty fire between 2000A and 2200A hours.

The morning's activity was negligible, most probably because of the clear weather which allowed our fighter-bombers to come out in force. Vic 052243 101 Airborne Div captured 2 PWs from Bn Heldmann.

An estimated 20 ey were working on emplacements vic Q759410 in the 45 Div sector. A freindly rcn patrol along S side of ALTHORN-MOUTERHOUSE road received several rds of arty fire vic Q756405. 9 PW from 9 Co 11 SS Regt were captured vic Q746409. A 5 man ey patrol entering house vic Q929278 at 1255A was fired on by mortar, bazooka and LMG. Ey SP was believed located at Q926289 which fired several rds into the center of the 103rd Div sector. In the 36th Div sector our patrol reached R142197 and drew S/A fire from vic R143198. AOP observed an estimated 20 ey leaving woods vic R161224 then going N toward SOUFFLENHEIM R1625 at 1025A.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. Ey arty activity, though continuing to increase slightly, was not so restricted to the OBERHOFFEN-BISCHWILLER area as heretofore. The bulk of the fire continued to fall in the eastern half of the Corps sector, but most of it was directed into our forward positions along the line SCHWEIGHAUSEN-HAGUENAU. In the early hours of the period the enemy staged a demonstration in the SCHWEIGHAUSEN area wherein he laid down a heavy concentration of mortar, rocket, and arty fire. A rather active night featured heavy caliber harassing fire on SAVERNE and HAGUENAU, besides small concentrations of lighter caliber vic OBERMODERN (8527) NEUBURG, OBERHOFFEN, and HAGUENAU. During the day the enemy placed small harassing concentrations not exceeding 25 rds vic SCHWEIGHAUSEN, the woods NE of ROHRWILLER, OBERHOFFEN, RINGELDORF (9025), and HAGUENAU, including more heavy caliber in the latter place. The bridge at 103185 drew intermittent interdiction fire until early afternoon.

A 380mm RR gun put 12 shells, including 3 air burst for adjustment, into SAVERNE in the early hours of the morning. Sound and flash were unable to get more than "C" accuracy plots on it, but these indicate the gun was firing vicinity 068-352. The Groove bearing from the shelled area passes very close to this same location also. It is now believed that this same gun shelled BRUMATH the night of Feb 13-14th, very possibly from the RR bend N of HOFFEN, which was one of the locations indicated by flash intersections on that night.

Shallrep total: 83.

101 Div	36 Div	103 Div	33 Brig	405 Gp	2 FOB
34	20	2	12	3	12

b. Changes to EB List #24:

(1) Additions:

CONC NO.	COORDS	ACC	SOURCE	NO./TYPE
7843 XK	7857-4308	A	AP-14 Feb	4/Lt
8139 QD	8137-3979	B	AOP	4/-
8141 QE	8163-4132	B	AOP	2/-
8835 XQ	8893-3587	A	AP-14 Feb	1/Lt Prob
8934 XN	8987-3484	A	AP-14 Feb	6/Lt
8935 XP	8910-3594	A	AP-14 Feb	3/Lt
8935 XO	8950-3599	A	AP-14 Feb	1/Lt Prob

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CONC NO.	COORDS	ACC	SOURCE	NO./TYPE
9034 XU	9021-3452	A	AP-14 Feb	6/Lt
9135 XM	9141-3502	A	AP-14 Feb	3/SP Dug in
9933 QK	9962-3316	A	2 FOB-F	1/-
0823 XT	0882-2344	A	AP-14 Feb	3/Lt Prob
0923 XS	0990-2330	A	AP-14 Feb	3/Lt Prob
1125 QG	1186-2592	A	2 FOB-S	4/Lt
1225 QH	1252-2524	A	2 FOB-S	2/Lt
1226 XI	1258-2650	A	AP-14 Feb	4/Lt
1821 QF	1814-2194	B	2 FOB-S	2/Lt
1912 XW	1980-1233	A	AP-14 Feb	3/Lt
1921 QJ	1948-2142	A	2 FOB-S	2/-
2126 XR	2137-2699	A	AP-14 Feb	4/FAA
2225 OI	2284-2546	B	2 FOB-S	3/-

## (2) Amendments:

0824 FL	0895-2490	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
0926 FN	0944-2661	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
1023 OD	1132-2375	B	2 FOB-S	3/-
1122 FK	1115-2233	A	AP-14 Feb	3/Lt
1226 FO	1218-2621	A	2 FOB-S	2/-
1322 MS	1384-2312	A	2 FOB-S	2/88
1526 QA	1569-2600	A	AP-14 Feb	4/Lt

## (3) Deletions:

2011 UP	9531 ZQ	9629 YM
1912 UQ	9838 OQ	9529 YJ
8831 ZL	8342 XA	1922 OZ
9931 ZJ	8444 KY	1822 PA
9930 MX	0431 OE	1322 YI
9632 ZY	0235 YH	9833 YZ
0131 YS	9833 YC	
9733 YD	9035 NT	

## (3) Suspect List 24-3:

1682-2146	2/G	2 FOB-S
1776-2176	2/G	2 FOB-S
1840-2735	1/G	2 FOB-S

Sound and Flash had a busy period, turning in 30 sound plots and 4 flash locations. Flash confirmed 2 old locations located one new btry and also got a plot on the 380mm firing into SAVERNE. Sound located 11 new batteries and had numerous confirmations on old locations and in addition also got an area plot on the 380mm.

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. With continued good visibility during the period the artillery with the Corps fired numerous observed missions on personnel, vehicles, machine guns, mortars, and tanks. The greatest amount of activity was again in the Corps right and central sectors. Very little action was recorded in the Corps left sector. The bulk of the unobserved missions fired during the period were on harassing and counter-battery targets.

Enemy battery locations furnished the majority of the targets for the nights harassing program.

The 575 FA Bn (-A & C Btries) closed in its position area at 1500A.

The 413 FA Group closed in its CP at 1300A.

At 1548A the 17 FA Bn AOP adjusted his Bn on personnel digging-in along a rdge at Q892-350. 13 rds of HE and 8 rds fired at a high angle using the POZIT fuze were expended. The observer reported the effect as excellent with the bursts appearing to be from 10 to 20 feet off the ground.

The 977 FA Bn effectively silenced 3 or 4 Lt AA guns, believed to be 20mm, at Q9592-2993. These guns were firing at the AOP. The 141 FA Bn fired this mission from 1340A to 1403A expending 36 rds.

The 977 FA Bn GOP adjusted his Bn at 1150A on a house with two vehicles in the vicinity at Q9465-3386. 29 rds were fired, 4 of which were reported to have pierced the roof of the house.

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The 977 FA Bn adjusted Btry B, 216 AAA Bn, on 2 or 3 vehicles and 10 to 12 personnel at Q900-314 effectively dispersing them.

At 1700A the 141 FA Bn AOP adjusted his Bn on one med gun at Q9715-2954. Out of 18 rds fired one direct hit on the gun was reported.

At 1730A the 382 FA Bn AOP adjusted his Bn on 6 ey vehicles at Q9371-3047. 32 rds were fired with 2 vehicles being reported knocked out.

At 1245A the 131 FA Bn GOP adjusted his Bn on an SP at R153-185. 19 rds were fired of which one was a direct hit disabling the SP.

The GOP of the 132 FA Adjusted his Bn on an ey vehicle at R097-217 at 1340A. 13 rds were expended with one hit on the vehicle being reported.

The 33 FA Brigade AOP adjusted the 194 FA Bn on an ey tank at R1597-1792 at 1112A. A total of 12 rds were expended with one direct hit being reported. The tank was claimed as knocked out.

The 938 FA Bn AOP adjusted his Bn on two HD vehicles at R138-231. 20 rds were expended with no further movement or activity being reported.

The 501 AFA Bn had a very successful mission on an ey tank at R1639-1763. 5 direct hits were obtained resulting in the destruction of the tank.

## b. Summary of Missions:

### (1) Div Arty:

Type	14 ADA		36 IDA		45 IDA		101 A/B		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB					2	6				
Per	5	1	20		1	3	10	1	1	5
Veh			3				2		4	
MG & Mor	3		9		1	1	12		4	
Prep			5							
Armor	4		3						2	1
Def Fires							3	8		
Har		5		6		28		17		35
Reg	6		12		3		11		7	
Misc	3		7				1		9	
Prop				1						
Smoke			3							
TOTAL	21	6	62	7	7	38	39	26	27	41

### (2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	4	23		3	2	2		
Per			1		2	2		
Veh	1				1			
Armor							1	
Har		8		9		9		
Reg	8		1		4		1	
Dest							1	
TOTAL	13	31	2	12	9	13	3	

AOP Missions: 21

## SECTION IV. TANK DESTROYERS.

### a. Operations:

614 TD Bn maintaining anti tank defense in assigned sector. Continued improving gun positions and reconnoitering for new ones.

636 TD Bn relieved Co "A" with Co "C". One gun of Co "B" in direct fire position fired 169 rds HE in support of the 131 FA Bn. Fire missions were of an harassing nature with an SP gun, machine guns, and enemy billets included. Rcn Co. attached to 117 Rcn Sq holding a front line from R-062221 to R-068220.

645 TD Bn fired interdictory and harassing missions on enemy occupied towns, gun positions, and supply routes. Expended a total of 203 rds HE on all indirect fire missions TD's fired 16 rds direct fire on an enemy SP gun vic Q-811401 with unknown results. Smoke pots were set off in the target area screening the effect of the firing. Rcn Co providing road security and protection for forward TD positions.

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807 TD Bn providing anti tank defense in respective sector. One section of "B" Co was moved to new position under cover of darkness. Rcn Co patrolling roads.

SECTION V. MISCELLANEOUS.

Front Lines: No change.

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

The Corps front was generally quiet with the exception of minor patrol activity. A platoon sized patrol from 4 Co 11 SS MTN Regt with the mission of seizing WILDENGUTH Q-7837 and taking military or civilian PWs was dispersed at 0730A. An ey squad, apparently an OP party, was observed vic Q-789405.

There was little ey movement in the 45th Div sector in spite of excellent observation. In the 36th Div sector a small group of ey inf vic R-060240 was broken up by arty and mortar fire. Our troops found the woods at R-150175 clear with no sign of occupancy.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Little change occurred in ey arty activity during the period, except that the ey failed to stage a demonstration similar to the SCHWEIGHAUSEN incident of the preceding night, though by reason of slightly heavier concentrations the ammunition expenditure remained about the same. The 380mm gun did not show up, due possibly to bridges being destroyed on the railroad S of WISSEMBOURG. As usual, most of the shelling fell in the eastern half of the Corps sector, with the BISCHWILLER-OBERHOFFEN-HAGUENAU positions being generally favored. In a rather active night the ey harassed various parts of HAGUENAU, BISCHWILLER, OBERHOFFEN, KALTENHOUSE, the woods NE of ROHRWILLER, and vic of ALTHORN with small concentrations, generally of light caliber. Daylight brought light harassing fire on the DAUENDORF area, also med cal fire in OBERHOFFEN. 25 rds of med cal fell in HAGUENAU just before noon. Except for light shelling vic HAGUENAU, OBERHOFFEN, and BISCHWILLER near the end of the period, the afternoon was fairly quiet.

The medium shelling of HAGUENAU at noon came from the clearing at 0927, where photos have previously indicated the presence of at least 2 guns, named FP. Today sound obtained 3 sound locations in this area, one of 100 yd accuracy being very close to a photo gun location, during the time of the shelling, and soon after reports from latest photo cover indicated presence of six medium guns in this clearing. A TOT from all available guns provided the proper sequel. It is interesting to note that when this region was overrun last fall, a ground check of this clearing showed five 150mm heavy field howitzers had at that time been driven out by our CB fire from this same clearing.

Shellrep total: 63

36 Div	101 AB	103 Div	45 Div	33 Brig	405 Gp	2 FOB
28	15	1	3	8	3	5

Sound had another good day and B Btry turned in 14 plots. Four new locations in the right sector were recorded during the period, of which 3 were A accuracy and one of B accuracy. Two old locations were confirmed by A sound plots also and one C accuracy in the 1925 sq was turned in.

Ey Btry List #25 accompanies this report.

SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

With fair visibility during the period the arty with the Corps fired about the same number of observed missions as in the previous period. Worthy of note is the large number of observed missions on personnel targets turned in by the 45 Div Arty, especially since this has been one of the least active sectors for some time. Unobserved targets were largely confined to counterbattery and harassing targets.

A light harassing program on ey btry locations and lines of communication was fired during the night.

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A TOT was fired at 1345A on PP 0910-2722, a 6-gun medium location which sound reported as active. The 36 Div Arty, 101 A/B Div Arty, 33 FA Brig, 6 FA Gp, and 405 FA Gp participated in the TOT, firing 2 rpg. Surveillance on the TOT/furnished by the 33 FA Brig AOP. The observer estimated the rds to fall at R0915-2715 (Map spot). This is the NE edge of a clearing in the HAGUENAU forest. The area covered was estimated at 150 x 150 yds. All rds landed at approximately the same time.

At approximately 1455A a VI Corps AOP started adjusting the 977 FA Bn on a target reported on the RR tracks at R0647-3495 (Map spot). At the time it was believed that this target might possibly be the RR gun which had shelled S.VERNE several nights ago. Due to the haze the observer was not able to definitely determine the nature of the target. 33 rds of HE & 12 WP were fired resulting in 4 direct hits. A fire was started and so much smoke resulted that the observer could not observe effect of the final rds fired. Later 20 rds HE, unobserved, were placed on the target. The adjusted coordinates placed the target at R0533-3559. This is on a RR spur which it is believed not capable of being used for a RR gun.

At 1607A an FO of the 928 FA Bn adjusted his Bn on a school house and barracks at Q8666-3151. Out of 8 rds fired 5 target hits were reported.

At 1554A an FO of the 928 FA Bn adjusted his Bn on an AT gun and MG at Q8654-3150. 16 rds were fired with one direct hit being reported on the MG.

At 1720A the 6 Gp AOP adjusted the 939 FA Bn on 2 vehicles at R0512-2514. 26 rds were fired with one vehicle being reported knocked out.

At 1018A the 59 AFA Bn AOP adjusted his Bn on a vehicle at R112-238. 16 rds were fired with 10 hits being reported.

At 1035A the 59 AFA Bn AOP adjusted his Bn on a tank at R052-242. 28 rds were expended with one hit on the tank stopping it.

## b. Summary of Missions:

### (1) Div Arty:

Type	14 ADA		36 IDA		45 IDA		101 A/B		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB							1			
Per	4		18		37	4	23		6	2
Veh			6				2		2	
MG&Mor	1		3		2		12	6	2	2
Armor			8							
Def Fires			12				1			
Har		7		9		14	18			28
Reg	6		9		1		9		12	
Misc	5	2	8	1			2		2	
Prop			20		1	12	1			
Smoke									1	
Totals	16	9	64	30	41	30	46	29	25	32

### (2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp			35 Gp			405 Gp			33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs		Obs	Unobs		Obs	Unobs		Obs	Unobs
CB		22			1		2	4		1	
Per							1				
Veh	1										
Har		10			6		12			1	
Reg	5			2			3		2		
Dest									1		
Totals	6	32		2	7		6	16	3	2	

AOP Missions: 14

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SECTION IV. TANK DESTROYERS.

a. Operations:

614 TD Bn providing anti-tank defense in Div sector. Company COs improving gun positions and reconnoitering for new ones.

636 TD Bn maintaining AT defense and firing indirect missions. Co "C" less one Plt was attached to 143 Inf Regt after relief of 142nd. One TD of "C" Co fired indirectly 12 rds HE and 5 rds smoke at suspected ey OP in SCHIRRHOFEN (R1322) with target area being well covered. One TD of "B" Co expended 38 rds HE in support of 131 Fa Bn. Rcn Co - no change.

645 TD Bn providing AT defense and continued to harass ey occupied towns and supply routes with indirect fire. A total of 150 rds HE being expended on all harassing and interdictory missions. One gun of "C" Co fired 15 rds HE direct fire on dug in ey inf from Q800372 to Q779372. This same gun later fired two assault fire missions of 15 rds each at dug in inf vic Q768392. Target area was well covered on all three missions. Rcn Co - no change.

807 TD Bn continued anti-tank defense in assigned sector with "B" Co firing a total of 129 rds HE on harassing missions and registrations. Co "B" also fired 3 rds illuminating shells vic Q974267 in counter measure action in support of Inf. Rcn Co - no change.

SECTION V. MISCELLANEOUS.

Front Lines: No change.

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<u>Conc No.</u>	<u>Coords</u>	<u>Acc</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>No/Type</u>
7542 MGR	7560-4250	A	AP-2 Feb	4/Lt
7642 M4	7609-4256	A	"	3/Lt
7839 QM	7860-3985	A	AP-14 Feb	4/Lt
7840 QN	7884-4057	A	"	Btry
7843 XX	7857-4308	A	"	4/Lt
7845 KU	7868-4545	A	AP-11 Feb	4/Med
7942 Q	7931-4285	A	AP-14 Feb	2/Lt
7943 QP	7929-4303	A	"	4/DP
8139 QD	8137-3979	B	AOP	4/G
8141 QE	8163-4132	B	"	2/G
8143 XG	8115-4374	A	AP-11 Feb	4/Lt
8144 QB	8124-4409	A	"	Btry
8242 NJ	8228-4270	A	AP-8 Feb	4/Lt
8242 OS	8263-4280	A	"	3/Lt
8242 PT	8296-4277	A	AP-11 Feb	3/75
8245 KZ	8278-4517	A	AP & PW	4/Lt
8343 PS	8322-4304	A	AP-14 Feb	3/75
8440 OT	8424-4061	A	AP-8 Feb	3/G
8441 XB	8438-4113	A	"	4/Lt
8441 PZ	8452-4119	A	AP-14 Feb	1/Lt
8638 OU	8679-3810	A	"	3/Lt
8835 XQ	8893-3587	A	"	1/Lt
8931 PI	8989-3184	B	AOP	1/G
8934 XN	8987-3484	A	AP-14 Feb	6/Lt
8935 KP	8910-3594	A	"	3/Lt
8935 XO	8950-3599	A	"	1/Lt
8935 QO	8991-3515	A	"	2-3/Lt
9033 QV	9072-3387	A	"	2-3/Lt
9034 KU	9021-3452	A	"	6/Lt
9035 QR	9099-3507	A	"	2/Lt
9133 PW	9192-3321	A	AP & PW	4/Lt
9135 XH	9141-3502	A	AP-14 Feb	3/SP Dug in
9230 ZV	9293-3076	A	AP & 2 FOB-F	4/Lt
9231 YU	9240-3122	A	AP-8 Feb	1/G
9231 YV	9260-3135	A	"	1/G
9331 ZS	9357-3150	A	AP-2 Feb	1/Lt
9332 OP	9344-3225	A	AP-8 Feb	2/Lt
9430 YW	9415-3053	A	AP-11 Feb	2/Lt
9530 PQ	9566-3008	A	"	3/Lt
9632 XK	9664-3241	A	AP-14 Feb	1/SP
9831 OI	9878-3138	A	AP & AOP	3/Med
9930 QW	9931-3071	A	AP-14 Feb	3/Lt
9931 XE	9906-3131	A	AP-11 Feb	1/Lt
9931 OJ	9905-3185	A	AP-8 Feb	3/105
9933 QX	9962-3316	A	2 FOB-F	1/G
0027 PD	0064-2799	B	AP-2 Feb	3/G
0028 PE	0056-2825	B	"	2/G
0130 ZM	0103-3003	A	"	4/Lt
0326 PG	0303-2693	B	"	3/G
0327 FF	0339-2785	A	"	3/G
0328 PU	0319-2834	A	AP-14 Feb	3/Lt
0527 PV	0530-2720	A	AP-2 Feb	1/Lt
0724 OL	0777-2424	A	AP & AOP	3/G
0823 XT	0882-2344	A	AP-14 Feb	3/Lt
0923 XS	0990-2330	A	"	3/Lt
0924 PL	0900-2491	A	"	3/Lt
0926 PN	0944-2661	A	2 FOB-S & PW	6/Lt
0927 PP	0910-2722	A	AP-14 Feb	6/Med

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<u>Canc No</u>	<u>Coords</u>	<u>Acc</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>No/Type</u>
1022 MT	1058-2238	B	PW	3/75
1022 QY	1070-2274	A	2 FOB-S	1/G
1023 PY	1014-2350	B	"	6/HAA
1024 PH	1040-2430	A	AP & AOP	2/G
1122 FK	1115-2233	A	AP & PW	3/Lt
1122 NX	1111-2299	B	AOP	3/G
1123 OD	1140-2369	A	AP, 2 FOB-S, AOP	4/Lt
1124 NZ	1105-2432	A	AP-2 Feb	1/G
1125 QG	1186-2592	A	2 FOB-S	4/Lt
1222 OC	1284-2262	B	AOP	3try
1225 QH	1252-2524	A	2 FOB-S	2/Lt
1226 PO	1213-2621	A	AP, 2 FOB-S, AOP	2/G
1226 XI	1253-2650	A	AP-14 Feb	4/Lt
1227 PM	1272-2758	B	PW	6/Med
1322 MS	1384-2312	A	2 FOB-S, AOP	2/88
1419 QL	1493-1397	A	AP-14 Feb	2/Lt
1422 OM	1446-2330	B	2 FOB-S	1/G
1425 QU	1405-2596	A	AP-14 Feb	3/Lt Prob
1523 QS	1512-2353	A	2 FOB-S	1/G
1526 QA	1569-2600	A	AP & AOP	4/Lt
1606 ZO	1630-0680	A	AP-2 Feb	4/Lt
1624 QX	1610-2421	B	2 FOB-S	1/G
1624 ZE	1685-2461	A	AP & AOP	4/HAA
1712 OV	1784-1227	A	AP-8 Feb	3/G
1722 ZC	1799-2295	A	AP-2 Feb	3/Lt
1722 ZD	1793-2238	A	AP & 2 FOB-S	4/HAA
1725 PC	1738-2598	A	AP-8 Feb	5/HAA
1821 QT	1806-2117	A	2 FOB-S	2/G
1821 PJ	1868-2160	A	AP-8 Feb	3/Lt
1821 QF	1814-2194	B	2 FOB-S	2/Lt
1822 PB	1897-2203	A	AP-8 Feb	4/HAA
1912 XW	1980-1233	A	AP-14 Feb	3/Lt
1913 OX	1944-1311	B	AOP	3try
1913 QC	1985-1352	B	"	3/G
1917 FX	1956-1710	B	"	2/G
1921 QJ	1948-2142	A	2 FOB-S	2/G
1921 OR	1939-2192	A	AP-8 Feb	3/105
2014 OH	2047-1444	B	AOP	3try
2024 ZF	2040-2442	A	AP-2 Feb	4/HAA
2126 XR	2137-2699	A	AP-14 Feb	4/HAA
2217 OW	226-175	B	AOP	3/Med
2219 YT	2292-1921	A	AP-8 Feb	3/Med Prob
2225 OI	2284-2546	B	2 FOB-S	3/G

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

At 1900A hours ey fired a 250 round nebelwerfer barrage interspersed with some med and hvy calibers, into the ZUTZENDORF-PFAFFENHOFFEN (9027) area but this was followed by no aggressive action other than an attempt to penetrate our lines vic 853325 by a 5 man patrol; this patrol was dispersed. On W flank, 45 Div's patrol reached 802373 without contact. 103 Div reported scattered vehicular activity on their front during the night.

In the morning a heavy fog obscured observation and the ey remained unusually quiet. During the afternoon ey activity was negligible.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. Poor visibility brought a decline in enemy artillery activity during the period, though heavy caliber harassing fire was more noticeable than usual. Outstanding event of the period was the 250 round concentration of nebelwerfer and artillery fire that the enemy threw into our forward positions in the OBERMODERN (8527) PFAFFENHOFFEN area around 1900A. Prior to midnight the towns of BISCHWILLER, OBERHOFFEN, KALTENHOUSE, HERRLISHEIM and the woods E of ROHRWILLER were lightly harassed, but from then until noon no shelling was reported. In the afternoon HAGUENAU drew persistent intermittent harassing fire from several heavy caliber guns, which also threw a few rounds into DAUENDORF. A 75 put a total of 38 rounds into the LICHTENBERG area, and light calibers put a few rounds into SCHWEIGHAUSEN, HAGUENAU, and OBERHOFFEN, where medium calibers were registered with smoke at 1450A and 1505A also.

Demonstrations, such as that put on in the OBERMODERN area during the night may be designed, by the scope and weight of our reaction, to determine our artillery deployment, and thus our intentions and zone of intended main effort, or if no change has occurred, that no aggressive action is contemplated.

Shellrep total: 46

36 Div	101 Div	103 Div	45 Div	33 Brig	405 Gp
19	14	2	4	4	3

b. Changes to EB List #25:

(1) Additions:

7845 WI	7862-4527	A	AP - 16 Feb	4/Lt
8835 WG	8868-3515	A	"	6/Nebel
8935 WH	8921-3528	A	"	1/Lt
9332 WF	9399-3255	A	"	2/Lt
0030 WB	0057-3058	A	"	1/Lt
0031 WA	0090-3110	A	"	2/Lt
0131 WJ	0180-3177	A	"	3/Lt
0436 WC	0467-3628	A	"	3/HAA

(2) Deletions:

0130 2M	8242 NJ
8934 XN	8143 XG
9135 XM	9632 XK

Both Sound and Flash were active during the period. Btry "A" Flash made 3 locations in the early part of the evening of guns firing into the PFAFFENHOFFEN-OBERMODERN area, however the locations were only of an area accuracy. "B" btry Sound confirmed 2 old locations with "B" accuracy plots and one location with 4 "A" plots.

SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Visibility during the greater part of the day was very poor due to a heavy fog. Around mid-afternoon visibility improved somewhat and a limited number of observed missions were obtained by both AOP's and GOP's. Of the observed missions

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fired, the majority were on personnel, defensive fires, adjustments, and registrations. Unobserved missions were largely fired on counterbattery and harassing targets.

The night's harassing program was confined entirely to the enemy's lines of communication.

At 1200A the 698 FA Bn (less Btry C) was relieved from attachment to the 33 FA Brigade and attached to the 413 FA Group. The mission of the group is general support of the Corps.

An FO of the 131 FA Bn adjusted his Bn on an AT gun at R157-175 at 1600A. 14 rds were fired with two hits on the target being reported.

An FO of the 59 AFA Bn adjusted his Bn at 1545A on a house at R0713-2236 near which personnel and activity had been observed. 27 rds were expended. The observer reported 8 hits on the house.

At 1615A the 59 AFA Bn fired 49 rds on enemy activity at R064-258. The Bn's AOP observed the mission and reported 12 hits in the target area.

An FO of the 132 FA Bn adjusted the 155 FA Bn on an ey OP at R1226-2224 at 1650A. 10 rds were fired and started a fire in a building.

The 155 FA Bn AOP adjusted his Bn at 1555A on a building at R0971-2119 from which an SP had been observed firing. 34 rds were fired with the building being reported hit and personnel dispersed.

At 1630A the 35 Gp AOP started adjusting the 17 FA Bn on 3 ey vehicles at Q8654-3456. As soon as firing started the vehicles moved off the road and into a woods. Several close rounds were observed but no visible effect could be reported. A total of 14 rds of HE were fired.

b. Summary of Missions:

(1) Div Arty:

	14 ADA		36 IDA		45 IDA		101 A/B		103 IDA	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
Per	1		16		1		8		1	
Veh							1		3	
MG & Mor			2				5		2	
Armor			1							
Def Fire			10	7						
Har		15		6		11		28		41
Reg	2		6		3		7		2	
Misc	2		7	1	2	18			1	
TOTAL	5	15	42	14	6	29	21	28	5	45

(2) Corps Arty:

	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		413 Gp		33 Brig	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		4		3		4				
Veh			1							
Har		13		8		7		1		2
TOTAL		17	1	11		11		1		2

AOP Missions: 1

SECTION IV TANK DESTROYERS.

Operations:

614 T.D. Bn providing A.T. defense in Div Sector. Company CO's continued improving gun positions, and reconnoitering for new ones.

636 T.D. Bn maintaining A.T. defense, and continuing to fire indirect missions. 3 T.D.'s of the 2nd platoon B Co. moved to better firing positions. One T.D. of the 3rd platoon B Co, in indirect fire position, fired one rd of Star Shell to provide light for a friendly patrol. Rcn Co. -- No change.

645 T.D. Bn. maintaining A.T. defense, continued to fire interditory and harassing missions. 5 guns vicinity FUBERG (Q6934) fired a total of 40 rds H.E. on unobserved interditory missions. Rcn Co. -- No change.

807 T.D. Bn continued A.T. defense of assigned sector, with a few harassing missions being fired. 2nd platoon of B Co., fired a total of 60 rds H.E. in harassing missions. A gun crew of the 1st platoon C Co, took one P.W. about 0400, 16 Feb. Rcn Co -- No change.

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SECTION V. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Front lines: No change.

b. Oblique Photographs:

Two strips of oblique photographs with the Merton grid superimposed will be available for Corps artillery units in the near future. One strip, facing N, runs from R010330 to R215330 (Sortie US 162/446 - 15 Feb 1945) and the other, facing NE, from Q915373 to Q958293 (Same sortie, prints No. 052 to 074). Div Artys interested in this sector (generally N of HAGUENAU Forest) should see their Div. PI teams.

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

An ey patrol cut wire vic Q-786379 and exchanged grenades with our outpost. The usual vehicular movement was heard vic BITSCHOFFEN Q-9128, MULHAUSEN Q-8631, KINDWILLER Q-8929 and NIEFERN Q-8729. The house vic Q-92992775 was defended by 20 riflemen with 3 A/Ws.

4 rds from a 380mm RR Gun fell in SAVERNE Q-7515. Several new foxholes and six ey were seen N of WILDENGUTH Q-7837.

A suspected ey OP was located at Q-784383. A small ey group was seen moving from Q-787383 to Q-783386. Ey S/A ammo dump vic R-08192140 set on fire by our arty at 1455a was still burning at 1800a.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. Another day of poor visibility brought a further decline in ey arty activity. While the number of shell reps received during the period was on a par with yesterday the volume of fire received showed a considerable decrease, with only one concentration of over 10 rds reported. Night harassing fire was very lt with OBERHOFFEN, SCHWEIGHAUSEN, BISCHWILLER, ROHRWILLER, and the 96-26 square receiving scattered concentrations of 8 rds and under. Most of the fire was during the period 1800 to 1930 with only a few rds of med reported in OBERHOFFEN at midnight and again in the early morning hours. HAGUENAU was hit with 4 rds of hvy during the morning and NEIDERMODERN received the periods heaviest concentration with 12 rds of lt cal. Our Inf in the 9326 sq caught 10 rds of harassing fire around noon and a heavy opened up on HAGUENAU with 5 rds. At the close of the period lt and scattered fire from mixed calibers continued to hit the rt flank, falling generally in KALTENHOUSE, OBERHOFFEN, ROHRWILLER, and HERRLISHEIM.

About midnight the 380mm RR gun made an unsuccessful attempt to adjust on SAVERNE. After firing 4 rds, flash rays showed his location to be very close to that he used on the night of 14-15 Feb and retaliatory fire was immediately laid on. A TOT followed by harassing fire stopped his activity for the night and it is hoped that our fire either caught some of the crew or damaged the piece. However due to poor visibility today Tac/R could not make an estimate of the results.

Shellrep Total: 45

36 Div-24, 101-Div-11, 103 Div-1, 33 Brig-2, 405 Gp-6, 2 FOB-1.

b. Changes to EB List #25:

(1) Additions:

CONC NO.	COORDS	ACC	SOURCE	NO./TYPE
7648 RE	7694-4876	B	2 FOB-S	5/-
8049 RD	8021-4944	B	2 FOB-S	1/Hy
0734 RB	0750-3450	A	2 FOB-S	2/-
0735 WK	0714-3500	A	AP-16 Feb	4/HAA
0824 RA	0898-2469	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
1534 RC	1568-3453	B	2 FOB-S	1-2/-

(2) Deletions:

2534 QZ

(3) Suspect List #25-1 (Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location).

9625-2709	1/Nebel	101 GOP
0516-3210	1/-	2 FOB-S
078-359	1/Hy (RR?)	2 FOB-F
0724-3446	1-2/-	2 FOB-S
0724-3511	1/-	2 FOB-S
2340-2753	1/-	2 FOB-S

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2440-2798	1/-	2 FOB-S
105-210	2/-	133 GOP
8127-4475	1/-	2 FOB-S
0865-2659	1/-	2 FOB-S
1358-2255	2/-	133 GOP

Of the 13 sound locations received during the period five were new, one confirmed, 0926 PM with an "A" accuracy; while the rest were included in the suspect list. Worthy of note is the fact that most of the suspect locations are those of possible long-range weapons. However none could be connected with any shelling. Flash turned in an "area" accuracy location of the heavy gun during its shelling of SAVERNE.

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. During the period the activity of the artillery with the Corps was again limited due to poor visibility and lack of remunerative targets. Corps arty units fired no observed missions during the period and Div Arty units fired only a limited number of close-in targets such as personnel, machine guns, and mortars. Practically all of the unobserved missions were counter-battery and harassing targets. During the night a light harassing program was fired on enemy battery locations, CP's, supply points, and towns.

The 42nd Div Arty is welcomed to the ranks of the artillery with the Corps. During the period it relieved the 45 Div Arty in its sector.

At 2355A the 380mm RR gun opened up and fired a high burst over SAVERNE. Three more rounds followed, the last one being fired at 0117A. Visibility was very poor and wind was blowing in the wrong direction to aid in obtaining a sound location; however, the 938 FA Bn OP obtained a flash ray of 6,200 mils on a round fired at 0038A. This ray indicated the gun was firing from the same general area it had fired from on the night of 14-15 Feb. A TOT at coordinates R0685-3513, which was a sound location obtained on the night of 14-15 Feb, was assigned for 0130A. "A" and "B" Btry 977 FA, "A" Btry 36 FA, and "C" Btry 939 FA participated, each firing 1 RPG. The 977 FA was then assigned a harassing mission from 0135A to 0235A of one round every five minutes on this same point. Immediately after the round fired at 0117A numerous flash rays were reported by the 938 FA, 194 FA, 405 FA Gp, and other people not equipped with instruments. Also the 2nd FA Obsn Bn obtained 4 flash rays from Btry "B" which gave an area plot at R078-359. All of this information combined indicated the area at R0685-3513 or the area along the RR track from R0750-3537 to R0800-3558 to be the likely location of the gun. Based upon this information 11 battery volleys were fired at various points along the RR track from 0220A to 0325A. Also 50 rds of 4.5" Gun and 120 rds 155 Gun were fired on points along the track as harassing fires from 0230A to 0630A. The RR gun failed to fire another round into SAVERNE after the TOT was fired at 0130A. Results of our fires could not be checked as AOP's were unable to observe in the area during the day.

At 1417A the 928 FA Bn fired 20 rds on an ey CP at Q8666-3134. "B" Btry FO reported the building, in which the CP was located, as demolished.

An FO of the 131 FA Bn adjusted his Bn on ey personnel at R142-196 at 1145A and again at 1740A. 8 rds were fired each time with results reported as very good.

### b. Summary of Missions:

#### (1) Div Arty:

Type	14 ADA		36 IDA		42 IDA		101 IDA		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB							2			
Per			9		1		10		2	1
MG & Mor	1		4		5		9			
Armor			1				1			
Def Fires			6		3					
Har		7		4		19		18		39
Reg			1		5		10		2	
Misc	2		1		1		6			
Prop										3
	3	7	22	4	15	19	38	18	4	43

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(2) Corps Arty:

	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		413 Gp		33 Brig	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		21				13				
Har		13		9		11		4		
		34		9		24		4		

AOP Missions: None.

SECTION IV. TANK DESTROYERS.

Operations:

614th TD Bn providing AT defense in Div sector. Forward elements received some enemy artillery and mortar fire during period. One (1) enlisted man of B Co wounded. Company CO's continued improving gun positions, and reconnoitering for new ones.

636th TD Bn maintaining AT defense in assigned sector. Two TD's of the 1st platoon B Co, moved to positions vicinity ROHRWILLER (Q1217). Ren Co-No change.

645th TD Bn providing AT defense in assigned sector. Indirect fire Batteries, one vicinity PUBERG (Q6934) one vicinity SPARSBACH (Q7630) and the other vicinity ERKARTSWILLER (Q7230) did no firing during period. Ren Co-No change.

807th TD Bn continued AT defense of assigned sector. 2nd platoon of C Co, moved to rear for a four day rest. Ren Co-No change.

SECTION V. MISCELLANEOUS.

Front Lines: No change.

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Ey activity on the Corps front remained negligible. Our patrols encountered hvy M/G and mortar fire vic Q878241. Ey combat patrol contacted our troops vic Q9924 and a fire fight ensued. Our patrols located several M/G positions N and NE of OBERHOFFEN (R0920). One P.W. from 173 Regt. 87 VG Div. on furlough to SCHWEIG-HAUSEN from the Russian front, did not know SCHWEIG-HAUSEN (R0024) was in our hands. He was to return to HUNGARY on completion of his furlough.

Two M/G's were located vic Q783388 and dug in positions vic Q786386 in the 42 Div's sector. 15 ey and 2 mortars were taken under fire vic Q90052899 at noon in 103 Div zone. 36 Div reported observing unestimated number of ey digging in edge of woods N of RR station in OBERHOFFEN (R0920).

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. Enemy artillery activity decreased still further during the period and was lighter than it has been for the past week. With the exception of a moderate concentration of Nebelwerfer fire the bulk of the reported shelling was all under 5 rds and concentrated in the OBERHOFFEN area, however a medium did shoot 12 rds into the OFFENDORF area at the close of the period. KALTENHOUSE received 1 rd of hvy at the start of the period and 4 rds landed in OBERHOFFEN in the early hrs of the morning. NIEDERMODERN was harassed by 88's and OBERHOFFEN by 1t cal. during the night. PFAFFENHOFFEN was again the target for a concentration of Nebel fire, this time 60 rds were reported at 2130. Our fwd elements in the 1615 square were hit with 10 rds of 1t during the morning and LICHTENBERG and OBERHOFFEN were harassed by SP's and 75's at mid-morning. KALTENHOUSE received 6 rds of 1t in the afternoon to finish off the day's activity.

Shellrep total: 21

36 Div	103 Div	101 Div	42 Div	33 Brig	2 FOB
13	1	1	1	2	3

b. Changes to EB List #25:

(1) Additions:				
8442 RF	8418-4252	A	AP 14 Feb	1/Med
(2) Deletions:				
7845 WI				
(3) Amendments:				
7845 KU	7868-4545	A	AP 16 Feb	1/Med & 3/Lt
7843 XX	7854-4308	A	AP 16 Feb	3/Med
(4) Suspect List #25-2:				
7946-5136	3/G		2 FOB-S	
9989-2575	SP		101 - GOP	
7865-4655	1/G		2 FOB-S	
8726-3242	1/G		AOP	

Sound and Flash also had a quiet day with only two locations reported, a B accuracy in the 79-51 square and a C plot in the 78-46 square.

SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. The visibility was generally poor during the day; however, visibility did increase during the afternoon but ey activity was at a minimum. The arty with the Corps did fire some observed missions on ey personnel and miscellaneous type targets. A harassing program was fired on ey road net, CP's, and battery locations.

At 1150A the 383 FA Bn fired 13 rds on 2 mortars and ey digging in at Q9005-2899. The "A" Btry, FO reported both mortars destroyed by direct hits and ey inf dispersed.

The FO of the 382 FA Bn adjusted the 995 FA Bn on est. 50 ey personnel in 3 houses at Q9388-2772 at 1445A. A total of 25 rds was fired and the three houses were destroyed and three ey casualties were observed.

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At 1750A the 928 FA Bn. FO adjusted the 995 FA Bn. on ey personnel in houses at Q8526-3458. Nineteen rds were fired and 4 houses were destroyed with 50 to 100 ey personnel killed, wounded, or thoroughly scared.

The 131 FA Bn. GOP adjusted the 698 FA Bn on a church steeple at R15825-18370 at 1715A. The observer reported that from the 17 rds fired one was a direct hit and 4 were very close; however darkness prevented complete destruction of target.

The 405 Gp. AOP adjusted the 141 FA Bn on an ey gun at Q8726-3242 at 1710A. A total of 30 rds was fired with the gun being neutralized.

At 1710A the 59 FA Bn. FO adjusted his Bn on ey mortars at R0767-2192. This Bn fired 16 rds and the observer reported four direct hits. This same combination fired 11 rds on ey personnel in house at R0713-2236 at 1740A; 6 direct hits on houses with many casualties inflicted on personnel was reported by the observer.

The 132 FA Bn. FO adjusted his Bn on ey activity around house at R0819-2140 at 1430A. A total of 14 rds using quick and delay fuze was fired; several hits were observed on the house and large fire started when ammunition exploded in the house.

"B" Btry, 2 FOB, readjusted their flash base to range N and NE. Following are the coordinates of the OP's: OP 1 at R0933-1839; OP 2 at R0578-1691; OP 3 at R0030-1950; OP 4 at Q9670-2140.

## b. Summary of Missions:

### (1) Div Arty:

	14 ADA		36 IDA		42 IDA		101 A/3		103 IDA	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB			1				1			
Per			8		5		11	6	9	6
Veh							2		1	
MG & Mor			1		5		12	3	1	5
Prep								1		
Armor			2							
Def Fire			4	2			3			
Har				4		24		14	7	20
Reg	18		3		16		15		16	
Misc				6	1		5	4	13	
TOTAL	18	0	19	12	27	24	49	28	47	31

### (2) Corps Arty:

	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		413 Gp		33 Brig	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		6		1	1	7				
Har		15		13		10		1		
Reg	11		6		8				1	
Misc		1								
Dest					1					
TOTAL	11	22	6	14	10	17	0	1	1	0

AOP Missions: 25

## SECTION IV. TANK DESTROYERS.

### a. Missions and attachments:

- (1) 614 TD Bn (3" towed) no change.
- (2) 636 TD Bn (3" M-10) no change.
- (3) 645 TD Bn (90mm M36) attached to 42 Inf Div: Provide anti-tank defense, fire direct and indirect fire missions.
- (4) 807 TD Bn (3" towed) no change.

### b. Operations.

614 TD Bn maintaining anti tank defense and improving positions. 3rd Plt. of Co "A" received approximately 15 rds enemy mortar shells during period. No casualties.

636 TD Bn providing AT defense and firing direct and indirect missions in support of the Inf. At 2000A hrs 2 TD's of "B" Co fired APC, HE, and illuminating shells in close coordination on suspected enemy SP gun vic R082214. One TD fired 6 rds star shell and the other TD expended 44 rds. APC and 44 rds HE to complete the mission. Inf OP reported good results but the extent of damage was undetermined. Rcn Co. moved right flank of defensive positions forward approx. 100 yds.

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645 TD Bn maintaining AT defense and firing interdictory and harassing missions Company "B" harassed MOUТЕРHOUSE (Q7942) and BAERENTEAL (Q8442) during the period expending a total of 40 rds HE. Company "C" interdicted supply routes and roads vic MOUТЕРHOUSE (Q7942) with 130 rds HE. Rcn Co. - no change.

807 TD Bn continued anti-tank defense of assigned sector. Rcn - no change.

SECTION V. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Security Training -- Attention of all S-2's is directed to Circular No.6, Hq, ETOUSA, dated 17 January 1945, entitled "Military Censorship" which consolidates and clarifies various restrictions on censorship questions. All personnel should be instructed in its contents.

(b) Front Lines: No change.

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Although the ey remained quiet he was alert to our patrol activity. During the night there was considerable flare activity and two small groups vic 789383 and 763389 were dispersed. On the 103 Div front the usual scattered vehicular activity was heard. 14 Armd Div patrols reached 914286 and 933280 but reported no contact. Continuous flare activity was seen vic LE WALCK (9027). On E flank some MG fire was exchanged along the 36 Div's sector.

During the morning ey was exceptionally quiet. In the afternoon 36 Div Arty fired on small ey groups vic 170173, 052241, 051245 and 127221; 103 Div reported considerable mortar fire fell in LE WALCK.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. Although ey arty activity showed an increase over the previous period it would still be termed as light. OBERHOFFEN continued to catch the bulk of the ey fire, however, shelling was more scattered over the Corps front than it has been during the past few days. Night harassing was extremely light and no reports were received between 2300 and 0830 hrs. SP's were more active than heretofore and medium shelling was persistent throughout the period in OBERHOFFEN and HAGUENAU. Night harassing fire by the ey arty consisted of small concentrations of 1t cal fire in OBERHOFFEN and one concentration from mediums falling in the 9225 sq. OBERHOFFEN was hit several times during the morning by 4 rds of med and at noon with 11 rds of 1t cal and 10 rds from an SP. The LICHTENBERG REIPERTSWILLER area was harassed lightly by 75's during the morning and again in the afternoon. HAGUENAU received 20 rds of med fire between 1420 and 1520 and three 1t concentrations under 5 rds just before the close of the period. DAUENDORF 9425 caught 10 rds of SP fire and OBERHOFFEN was hit with 2 rds of med. At the close of the period OBERHOFFEN was again the target for several concentrations from SP's and 1t calibers with 12 rds being the maximum in any one concentration.

Shellrep total: 38.

36 Div-20, 101 Div-9, 42 Div-4, 6 FA Gp-2, 405 Gp-1, 2 FOB-2.

b. Changes to EB List #25:

(1) Additions:

9330 RH	9355-3073	A	AP & PW	1/Nobel
0728 RG	0799-2812	B	2 FOB-S	1/Mod
0827 RI	0823-2736	A	2 FOB-S	1/G

(2) Amendments:

0927 PP	0941-2717	A	2 FOB-S	Med
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(3) Suspect List #25-3:

925-293	Btry	103 Div
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During the period sound turned in two A locations and one of B accuracy. An old location PP, in the 0927 square, was moved a bit to the E by an A plot and a new location was made in the 08-27 square, also with an A accuracy. One medium gun was located with B accuracy in the 0728 square.

SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Poor visibility limited the arty activity over the Corps front, however, a few observed missions were obtained on miscellaneous type targets. During the night a harassing program was fired on the ey lines of communication.

The 575 FA Bn AOP adjusted the 995 FA Bn on 3 ey tanks at 9877-316 at 1510A. A total of 22 rds was fired and all three tanks were damaged.

The 194 FA Bn AOP adjusted his Bn on 8 houses which were living quarters for ey infantry at R127-223 at 1525A. A total of 91 rds was fired with 5 houses destroyed, 2 houses left burning, and 1 house damaged; also one large explosion was observed.

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The 103 Inf Div Arty ACP adjusted the 384 FA Bn on Nebelwerfers and ammunition dump at Q9376-3059 at 1148A. On initial fire for effect numerous fires and explosions were observed and fire was placed on this target intermittently during the afternoon. A total of 304 rds of light and medium caliber arty was fired on this target with very good visible effect.

At 0836A the 698 FA Bn ACP adjusted the 939 FA Bn on horse-drawn vehicles and personnel at R1110-2341. A total of 64 rds was fired and seven casualties were observed and the vehicles were dispersed.

The 232 FA Bn FO adjusted his Bn on an ey machine gun at Q8370-3531 at 1050A. Seventeen rounds were fired and MG was destroyed.

The 132 FA Bn FO adjusted his Bn on ey activity around dug out at R0826-2153 at 1450A. Fifteen rounds were fired and casualties were observed.

At 1226A the 59 Armd FA Bn FO adjusted his Bn on an ey MG at 0695-2305. A total of 31 rds wqs fired with 6 direct hits reported.

## b. Summary of Missions:

### (1) Div Arty:

	14 ADA		36 IDA		42 IDA		101 ABA		103 IDA	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB			3				1		3	
Per			24		7	5	21	1	2	7
Veh			4				2	1		
MG & Mor	1		3		4	6	5	2		
Prep								1		
Def Fires	9			11						
Har				2		18		17		16
Reg	7		23		13		8		12	
Misc	4	3		21	1		1		6	
TOTAL	21	3	59	34	25	29	38	22	23	23

### (2) Corps Arty:

	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		413 Gp		33 FAB	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		18		5		2				
Per	1				1					
Armor					2					
Har		17		8		9				
Reg			2		1				1	
Misc						3				
Dest					2				1	
TOTAL	1	35	2	13	6	14			2	

AOP Missions: 4

## SECTION IV. TANK DESTROYERS.

### Operations:

614 TD Bn providing anti tank defense and improving gun positions. Gun positions of "A" Co are being shifted and other preparations made to conform with new change of boundary.

636 TD Bn maintaining anti tank defense in assigned sector. Rcn Co-No change.

645 TD Bn maintaining anti tank defense and firing interditory and harassing missions. Three TD's of "C" Co expended 75 rds HE on interditory and harassing missions vic Q783417, Q787420, Q797425, Q787431, Q784434, Q761428, Q767435, and Q767438. Rcn Co maintaining road security vicinity INGWILLER (Q8130).

802 TD Bn continued anti tank defense of assigned sector with Co "B" expending a total of 150 rds HE on harassing missions. Rcn--no change.

## SECTION V. MISCELLANEOUS.

Front Lines: No change.

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DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #165.

SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

During the night ey continued to patrol on a light to moderate scale while remaining alert to our patrol activities. Our outpost at R106194 was driven back by an ey patrol. A 25 man ey patrol was observed moving S at R068232. Two ey patrols were observed vic R103203 and another ey patrol was encountered at R095215. The sectors of the 42d, 101st and 14th Armored Divs remained quiet during the morning and afternoon. The 103rd Div AOP observed activity in houses in MUHLHAUSEN Q8631 and reported road blocks between MUHLHAUSEN and UHRWILLER Q8831. The 36th Div's AOP observed one HD vehicle moving E from SOUFFLENHEIM R1625 at 1645A. One ME-109 and one Focke-Wulf flew low over OBERHOFFEN R0920 at 1725A.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. Ey shelling during the period showed a moderate increase but still consisted of lt concentrations, mostly under 10 rds, on our fwd elements and some harassing of rear areas. Activity was continuous throughout the period and generally covered the whole front; however, OBERHOFFEN and HAGUENAU were still the main targets. During the night BISCHWILLER, OBERHOFFEN, KALTENHOUSE, BISCHOLTZ, and 99-21 sq. were all harassed with small concentrations from SP's and lights. 30 rds of med were received in the 00-21 sq just before midnight and OBERHOFFEN caught 12 rds med in the early morning hrs as well as 20 rds lt cal. At the same time KALTENHOUSE received a 25 rd concentration of lt. HAGUENAU received intermittent medium shelling during the day usually under 10 rds; however, 20 rds were caught at 0900 hrs. NEUBOURG, OBERHOFFEN, MORSCHWILLER, BISCHWILLER, NIEDERMODERN, SCHWEIGHAUSEN, and 94-27 sq were hit with lt harassing fire during the rest of the period. Ey shelling tapered off during the afternoon and SP's and a few lts were responsible for the activity which continued in the rt flank.

The slight flare-up of ey arty activity is probably the result of recent destructive shoots on ey defenses by Corps Arty, and the commitment of the 42 Div and 14 A Div in the line. Shelling today was more or less of a probing nature and is not indicative of any change in the ey attitude.

Shellrep total: 71

36 Div	101 Div	103 Div	14 A Div	33 Brig	405 Gp	413 Gp	35 Gp	2 FOB
30	22	2	2	2	4	3	1	5

b. Changes to EB List #25:

(1) Additions:

Conc. No.	Coords.	Acc.	Source	No/Type
9131 RJ	9176-3160	B	977 AOP	-/-

(2) Amendments:

0926 PN	to read	0938-2659	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
1123 NX	" "	1117-2313	A	"	1/-
1125 QG	" "	1186-2592	A	"	4/Med?
2217 OW	" "	223-173	B	698 AOP	-/-

(3) Suspect List #25-4 (Locations of doubtful activity and those requiring additional confirmation or a more accurate location):

1440-2848	1/-	2FOB-S
822-370	2/-	"
7725-4095	1/-	"
1228-2566	1/-	"
225-137	-/-	698 AOP
193-127	-/-	"
225-147	-/-	"



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The flare-up of activity was reflected in 16 locations turned in by 2 FCB during the period. 12 of these were confirmations of known locations, while the remaining 4 were insufficiently accurate. No flash locations were made.

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Poor visibility and lack of ey activity limited the activity of the arty with the Corps; however, FO's and GOP's did get some observed missions on ey personnel and vehicles. During the night the usual light harassing program was fired on ey lines of communication, CP's, and batteries, by the arty with the Corps.

At 0800A the 384 FA Bn. FO adjusted his Bn. on 10 ey personnel at Q9202-3170. A total of 18 rds was fired and the FO reported 9 casualties were inflicted, and when last seen, the tenth member of the party was heading for the Fatherland. One round fell 100 yds short of above target and caused a fair-sized explosion.

At 1650A the 14 Armd. Div Arty. AOP adjusted the 382 FA Bn on 3 haystacks at Q9349-3095 which were suspect Nebelwerfer emplacements. Following one target hit during the precision adjustment a Bn. volley was fired, effectively neutralizing the area.

The 141 FA Bn. was adjusted on two flak wagons at Q8915-2976 by the 575 FA Bn AOP at 1605A. Seventeen rounds were fired and target hits reported on both flak wagons.

The 59 AFA Bn. AOP adjusted the 938 FA Bn. on an SP gun at R0927-2725 at 1705A. A total of 42 rds was fired and the observer reported one large fire with 3 large explosions with gun probably knocked out.

The 132 FA Bn. FO adjusted his Bn. on ey activity around house at R0815-2127 which was being used as an OP at 1620A. Twenty-two rounds were fired with 5 direct hits on house.

The 59 AFA Bn. FO adjusted his Bn. on ey activity in vicinity of house at R0713-2236 at 1200A. A total of 14 rds was fired with 5 direct hits reported on house. The same combination fired 19 rds on ey activity around dug out at R0598-2419 at 1306A with 2 direct hits reported.

The following changes in attachment became effective during the period:

- (1) 413 FA Gp relieved of attachment to VI Corps Arty and attached to XV Corps.
- (2) 698 FA Bn relieved of attachment to 413 FA Gp. and attached to 33 FA Brigade.
- (3) 46 FA Gp. arrived in XXI Corps area and is attached to VI Corps Arty.

### b. Summary of Missions:

#### (1) Div Arty:

Type	14 ADA		36 IDA		42 IDA		101 A/B		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	1		8				5	2	1	
Per	1		13		8	3	13	1	9	
Veh	7		1			1	1			
MG & Mor	2	1	3		6	1	5		1	
Prep				9						
Armor			4				1	1	1	
Def Fire		7		5	1					
Har		8		9	2	22		13	3	19
Reg	5		10		13		7		16	
Misc	8	1	2	4	5		2		3	
Prop				4						
TOTAL	24	17	41	31	35	27	34	17	34	19

#### (2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 GP		35 Gp		405 Gp		413 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	1	20		1	2	3				1
Per	1									
Har		15		14		8				
Reg	7		1		1					
Dest			1							
TOTAL	9	35	2	15	3	11	0	0	0	1

AOP Missions: 9

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SECTION IV. TANK DESTROYERS.

Operations:

614 TD Bn providing anti-tank defense and improving gun positions.

636 TD Bn maintaining AT defense and firing direct and indirect fire missions

One TD of "B" Co fired 26 rds HE indirect at an enemy pillbox vic R160172 with undetermined results. One TD of "C" Co fired indirect fire at enemy strong points vic R082218. The O.P. reported good results from this firing after expending 50 rds HE, 19 rds APC and 3 rds smoke. Rcn Co less one Plt. was relieved by "C" Troop 117 Rcn Sq. at 201800A and moved to reserve area vic HAGUENAU (R0424). Patrol of 1st Plt crossed MODER river at R-055238 and contacted enemy patrol vic R064239. Patrol later withdrew without engaging in fire fight.

645 TD Bn providing AT defense and firing indirect interdiction and harassing missions. Four TD's of "A" Co expended 20 rds HE harassing enemy supply routes between 2300A and 2400A. At 1530A "B" Co expended 50 rds HE unobserved fire on 4 enemy Arty. positions. Three TD's of "C" Co fired a total of 70 rds HE harassing enemy supply routes and roads.

Rcn Co - No change.

807 TD Bn continued anti-tank defense of assigned sector and firing indirect harassing missions. Company "B" expended a total of 100 rds HE on night harassing fires.

SECTION V. MISCELLANEOUS.

No change.

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Ey remained generally quiet over the Corps front. The 42d and 14th Armd Divs reported ey made extensive use of flares in their sectors. Our patrols to vic R-106209 and R-109209 received S/A fire. Three rds from a 380mm RR gun fell vic SAVERNE at 0300A.

Ey continued his defensive attitude during the afternoon in the 42d Div sector. Ey jet propelled plane flew over 42d Div sector at 1431A. The 103rd and 101st Div sectors remained quiet. AOP of 14 AD reports a camouflage net with two newly dug foxholes vic Q-938305. Two deserters from 5 and 8 Cos 477 Regt came into 117 Rcn lines as result of 36th Div propaganda broadcast.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. The activity of the enemy artillery increased somewhat during the period, though many of the concentrations consisted only of 3 to 10 rounds. In contrast to the usual practice, the bulk of the shelling occurred during the night, especially in the hours just after dark. In a brisk harassing program on towns and positions in the forward area BISCHWILLER, OBERHOFFEN and ROHRWILLER, were most frequently hit, particularly OBERHOFFEN, and the fire on each included several moderate to heavy concentrations, including one of 75 rounds 1st and med cal on BISCHWILLER at 1820A. Other areas shelled, though not as much, were HAGUENAU, LICHTENBERG, DAUENDORF, SCHWEIGHAUSEN, HERRLISHEIM (50 rounds), BATZENDORF (Q9721), and OHLUNGEN (Q9723). SAVERNE received 3 rounds heavy cal fire in the early morning hours. Very light shelling during the day was reported only in OBERHOFFEN, ROTHBACH, KALTENHOUSE, ALTHORN, HAGUENAU, and PHATTENHOFFEN. No daylight concentration included more than 12 rounds.

The heavy caliber gun which shelled SAVERNE about 0300A is believed to be the elusive 380mm RR gun which has made a midnight shuttle run on the HAGUENAU-WISSEMBOURG line on several past occasions. Last night flash plots located it on the RR bend at SOULTZ-SOUS-FORETS. CB fire caused it to march order after shooting three rounds, but as yet air rcm during the day has not reported results other than that. The next probable location for the gun to occupy is the bend N of HOFFEN.

Schllrep total: 113.

2 FOB	42 Div	101 Div	36 Div	405 Gp	33 Brig	14 ADA
18	7	15	53	9	8	3

b. Changes to EB List #25:

(1) Additions:

9831 WL	9874-3197	A	AP-16 Feb	1/Lt
0431 RK	0443-3180	B	321 AOP	1/Med

(2) Deletions:

2024 ZF

The only sound location received during the period was a confirmation of 0827 RI. No flash locations were made.

SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Visibility during the day was excellent and all units obtained registrations in their assigned sectors; however, the ey failed to cooperate as he kept his movements to a bare minimum. The usual light harassing program (238 rds) was fired on ey lines of communication and batteries.

At 2200A the 928 FA Bn FO conducted a moonlight observation mission on an ey MG and mortar in house at Q8667-3085. This Bn fired 12 rds with the observer reporting area neutralized with several direct hits on house.

The 976 FA Bn GOP adjusted the 141 FA Bn on an OP in house at Q9001-2898 at 1640A. A total of 17 rds was fired with the observer reporting 2 direct hits on house and 2 more rounds very close which had some effect on house.

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The 405 Gp AOP adjusted the 995 FA Bn on a factory reported to be a mine assembly plant at 921338 at 0955A. The factory was partly destroyed and one large fire started by 21 rds. of heavy caliber artillery.

The 321 Glider Bn AOP attempted an adjustment on an ey battery at R0294-2660 but was chased from area by a Fockewulf 190. This information was immediately sent to VI Corps CBO section and ey battery PG was noted to be close to adjusting area. This observer was able to give surveillance on 32 rds of CB fire placed on this area by 634 FA Bn, and reported all rds in battery position area. Later 12 rds of Pozit'ammunition was fired at this location.

At 1650A the 542 FA Bn FO adjusted his Bn on an ey OP and CP in house in town of MALCH (47840). A total of 28 rds was fired with the observer reporting 9 direct hits on house rendering it unfit for further use.

The 380mm RR gun fired three rounds into the SAVERNE area at 0246A, 0257A, and 0316A. Immediately after first round was fired a harassing program was initiated along the RR track on points that had previously been determined as possible and probable firing positions for this gun. On the second round "B" btry, 2 FA Obsn Bn, flash OP #1 reported an azimuth of 404 and this ray intersected the RR track just west of SOULTZ at R099373. A tangent to the curve on RR track gave a line directly towards SAVERNE. Based on this information the 36 FA Bn fired 44 rds along the RR track in this area over a period of one-half hour. On the 3rd round fired by the RR gun the Obsn Bn obtained a two ray flash plot which confirmed the location west of SOULTZ. Utilizing this information a harassing program was put into effect covering a stretch of track from R0975-3720 to R1005-3735 from 0400A to 0700A. Damage to the RR gun caused by CB fire was undetermined but it is significant that this gun fired only three rounds and none after fire was placed west of SOULTZ.

The 977 FA Bn was relieved of attachment to 405 FA Gp and VI Corps Arty and attached to XXI Corps during the period.

The following are corrections in attachment of units as was shown in Periodic Report #165:

(1) The 46 FA Gp closed into VI Corps area at approximately 211400 Feb and is attached to VI Corps Arty.

(2) The 413 FA Gp was relieved of attachment to VI Corps and attached to XXI Corps.

## h. Summary of Missions:

### (1) Div Arty:

Type	14 ADA		36 IDA		42 IDA		101 ABE		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB						2	4			
Per	6	7	21		11	1	13	3	7	
Veh	1		3				2			
MG & Mor			2		9		7	2	2	
Prep		3								
Armor		1	2					1		
Har		6		11	2	19		18		15
Reg	18		10		11		7		25	
Misc	1		21	2	5		1		5	
TOTAL	26	17	59	13	38	22	34	24	39	15

### (2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 FAB	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	3	31		2		3		
Per			2					
MG & Mor			2					
Armor					1			
Har		15		7		5		
Reg	11		5		3		1	
Dest					2			
TOTAL	14	46	9	9	6	8	1	

AOP Missions: 25

SECTION IV. TANK DESTROYERS.

Operations:

614 TD Bn providing anti tank defense in assigned sector and improving gun positions.

636 TD Bn maintaining AT defense and firing direct and indirect fire missions. "A" Co was attached 142 RCT and moved to reserve positions vic KRIEGHEIM by 0130A. One TD of "C" Co fired at targets of opportunity throughout the day and fired harassing fire at selected targets during the night. Expenditures for this TD during the period were 210 rds HE, 12 rds APC and 14 rds smoke. Rcn Co continued to send patrols across the MODER river.

645 TD Bn maintaining AT defense and firing direct and indirect missions. Four guns of "A" Co were registered on (CR 485393) by AOP. One TD moved to direct fire position at Q840338 and fired 11 rds HE, 4 rds APC at enemy occupied house in OFFWILLER. Between 0100A and 0300A "B" Co harassed enemy supply routes and roads with 40 rds HE. Three guns of "C" Co expended 20 rds HE on same missions.

Rcn Co--No change.

807 TD Bn continued anti tank defense with "A" & "B" Co shifting several forward gun positions.

SECTION V. MISCELLANEOUS.

Front Lines: No change.

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46 FA Gp	Q873-174	
36 FA Bn	Q979-204	
A Btry	R011-207	CL 750 <del>m</del>
938 FA Bn		
A Btry	R030-176	700 <del>m</del>
939 FA Bn		
A Btry	R001-189	1400 <del>m</del>
B Btry	Q999-193	100 <del>m</del>
995 FA Bn		
B Btry	Q903-212	500 <del>m</del>
155 FA Bn	Q875-148 (Rest Area)	
382 FA Bn	Q872-244	

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BAILY PERIODIC REPORT #167

SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE

(1).a. Corps front continued generally quiet while ey remained alert and sensitive to our patrols. Ey engaged our patrols NE of KALTENHOUSE (R0721) with S/A and MG fire. Ey made use of flares during the night but on a reduced scale. AOP reports a road block was under construction vic Q960286 and a partially constructed road block vic R062239.

b. During the afternoon only scattered groups of ey were seen on the 42 Div's front. Some ey activity was seen in MELCH (Q7940). Small groups of ey were observed by AOP vic Q861346, Q90102945, Q89382890, and Q884292. 14 AD, 101 A/B and 36 Divs report ey remained quiet on their fronts.

(2). Radar targets.

a. A radar set established at 2 FOB's "A" flash OP #2 picked up vehicular traffic vic GUMBRECHTSCHOFFEN (Q924338) at 2150A. Three rds of pozit fuze fired by the 141 FA Bn stopped activity. Other vehicular activity was picked up by radar vic BIBLISHEIM (R038336) was reported to VI Corps Arty Fire Control Center who assigned the mission to the 939 FA Bn. Activity ceased after 13 rds of 4.5" was fired on the target.

b. It is interesting to note that the bursts caused a disturbance in the radar oscilloscopes but range to bursts could not be determined accurately. It is hoped that further experience will enable arty fire to cut down ey vehicular traffic in the center of the Corps front.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY

a. Considerable decline occurred in ey arty activity in this period, though a clear night and day provided good visibility for observed fire. The bulk of the lt shelling was directed into the forward area of the eastern sector as usual. No concentration was heavier than 20 rds, with most of them averaging 5 to 10 rds. Night shelling was predominantly from lt cals, engaged in harassing KALTENHOUSE, SCHWEIGHAUSEN, HAGUENAU, and OBERHOFFEN, with med fire reported on BISCHWILLER and PFAFFENHOFFEN. Daylight brought no increase in tempo, the ey being content to harass infrequently our inf in vic of LICHTENBERG, BISCHWILLER, HAGUENAU, and KALTENHOUSE with a small number of rds.

Aside from known ammo restrictions, some reason for ey inactivity today may be due to good visibility, which permitted AOPs to make close study of ey position areas; resulting in five locations being observed unoccupied, and two observed shoots in which the observers could actually see the emplacements and piles of ammo. It is to be expected, therefore, in view of our own failure to offer easy profitable targets, that the ey decided that discretion was the better part of valor.

Shellrep total - 34

42 Div	14 AD	36 Div	101 A/B	33 Brig	6 Gp	35 Gp	2 FOB
1	2	9	9	8	1	2	2

b. Changes to EB List #25

(1) Additions

CONC NO	COORDINATES	ACC	SOURCE	NO/TYPER/CAL
9034 WP	9039-3485	A	AP-22 Feb	2/Lt Prob
9132 WQ	9160-3276	A	AP-22 Feb	1/Lt Prob
9134 WX	9154-3483	A	AP-22 Feb	1/Lt
9432 WV	9404-3213	A	AP-22 Feb	2/Lt Prob
9435 WW	9483-3577	A	AP-22 Feb	2/Lt
9440 WR	9456-4047	A	AP-22 Feb	3/Lt
9532 WU	9584-3270	A	AP-22 Feb	3-4/Lt
9835 WT	9812-3540	A	AP-22 Feb	2/Lt Prob
0238 WS	0258-3805	A	AP-22 Feb	4/HAA
0628 WM	0688-2839	A	AP-22 Feb	4/Lt

(2) Amendments

9931 XE	9906-3131	A	AP-22 Feb	3/Lt
0824 RA	0859-2426	A	AP-22 Feb	4/Lt
1022 MT	1080-2238	B	PW	4/88
1226 XI	1241-2667	A	AP-22 Feb	4/Lt

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## (3) Deletions:

9332 WF	8931 PI	9231 YU
9530 Pq	9230 ZV	9231 YV
9330 RH	1227 PM	

Flash turned in a B accuracy confirmation of 0926 FN while sound turned in 2 A accuracy plots in XV Corps zone and 5 B accuracy plots.

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS

a. Visibility was excellent during the period and the result was numerous observed missions of all types. During the night the usual harassing program was fired on cy lines of communication and batteries, using pozit fuze generously. The 939 FA Bn AOP made a moonlight reconnaissance flight from 2000A to 2200A and did not find any profitable targets; however, it was noted that the cy arty kept silent while he was in the air.

The 35 FA Gp AOP adjusted the 141 FA Bn on an cy tank at Q88773497 at 1245A. A total of 17 rds was fired with 5 rds hitting within 5 yds of tank and causing considerable damage.

The 995 FA Bn GOP adjusted his bn on an cy OP in church steeple at Q89792925 at 1310A. 10 rds were fired with 7 target hits reported.

At 1418A the 141 FA Bn GOP adjusted his bn on cy activity around house at Q90012898. 15 rds were fired and the observer reported 1 direct hit on house.

The 141 FA Bn AOP adjusted his bn on 8 cy guns at Q95562915 at 1706A. 31 rds were expended with the observer reporting a large fire in position area. Then the 995 FA Bn expended 27 rds, in precision adjustment and 3 guns were destroyed with direct hits.

A total of 24 rds was fired by the 995 FA Bn on cy activity around house at Q96142994 and this bn AOP reported 4 direct hits on house.

At 1440A the 939 FA Bn AOP adjusted the 634 FA Bn on cy personnel and guns at Q95823065. 37 rds were fired with the observer reporting three target hits and 1 gun destroyed. This same combination fired 34 rds on an SP gun at Q96022699 at 1600A and observer reported a direct hit on gun and cy casualties in area.

The 939 FA Bn AOP adjusted his bn on cy personnel at R01062920 from 1328A to 1335A. 24 rds were fired into target area causing many casualties.

At 1244A the 36 FA Bn GOP adjusted his bn on cy guns at Q98603065 and fired 31 rds and btry was neutralized.

The 698 FA Bn AOP adjusted the 938 FA Bn on 2 wagons and est. 20 inf at R111232 at 0900A. 32 rds were fired with 1 wagon destroyed and other wagon and inf dispersed.

The 133 FA Bn FO adjusted his bn on cy activity in vic of house at R12022221 and a total of 26 rds was fired with the observer reporting 6 hits on house.

At 1425A the 59 AFA Bn FO adjusted his bn on an cy OP in building at R0558-2425. 28 rds were fired with observer reporting 2 direct hits on OP and cy casualties were observed.

## b. Summary of Missions:

### (1) Div Arty:

Type	<u>14 ADA</u>		<u>36 IDA</u>		<u>42 IDA</u>		<u>101 A/B</u>		<u>103 IDA</u>	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		2	8				2		1	
Per	6		7		8		18		8	
Vch	3		1				4		2	1
MG & Mor			9		8	2	9		2	
Armor			2							
Def Fire	2	2		1						
Har				19		13		13		16
Reg	7		2		11		4		14	
Misc	2	5	1	2	6		3		3	
Prop										4
TOTAL	20	9	30	22	33	15	40	13	30	21

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(2) Corps Arty:

<u>Type</u>	<u>6 Gp</u>		<u>35 Gp</u>		<u>405 Gp</u>		<u>33 FAB</u>	
	<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>
CB	5	10		2	4	7		
Per	5							
Veh					1			
Armor					1			
Har		14		10		8		1
Reg	8		1		1		1	
Misc					5			
Dest			1					
TOTAL	<u>18</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

AOP Missions - 23

SECTION IV. TANK DESTROYERS

Operations:

614 TD Bn providing AT defense in assigned sector. Unit shifted guns to the left, to comply with Regtl boundary changes. Co CO's continued to improve positions.

636 TD Bn preparing to take over new anti-tank sectors. "A" Co attached to 142 RCT, assembled in KRIEGHEIM. "B" Co assembled in WINGERSHEIM. "C" Co less one plt atchd 143 RCT, 1st Plt atchd 117 Rcn Sq. Bn CP closed in new location Q901173 at 221240A. Rcn Co - no change.

645 TD Bn maintaining AT defense in assigned sector. A total of 248 rds HE and 8 rds smoke were expended by indirect fire batteries during period, on unobserved harassing missions on ey supply routes. One gun of "C" Co, fired 51 rds HE, and 4 rds APC, direct fire, on ey dug-in positions on hill at (Q768392). Rcn Co - no change.

807 TD Bn continued AT defense in assigned sector. Co's did not fire during period. 2d platoon "C" Co, returned from rest area.

SECTION V. MISCELLANEOUS

No change in forward elements of the Corps.

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Interrogation Report

23 February 1945

Period 1800 22 Feb 45  
to 1800 23 Feb 45

PW's 3

Units 2 from 5th Co 477th Regt 257th Div.  
1 from 8th Co 477th Regt 257th Div.

Captured by 36th Div. PW's are deserters, were swimming over the Moder near Kaltenhausen and were giving themselves up to the nearest American outpost.

Strength 5th Co 45 men  
8th Co 46 men

Weapons 8th Co: 4 machineguns, 3 medium mortars, no light infantry hows used to have 3 - 75mm hows which were taken over by the 13th Co.

Personalities 5th Co, CO Lt Mietner  
8th Co, CO Lt Schreiber

Locations CP 5th Co, (also 2nd Bn CP) dugout vic 077224 as of 22 Feb  
CP 8th Co in house vic 082220 as of 21 Feb.

Morale low, due to weariness.

Artillery PW-noncom of 8th Co saw 3 - 105mm Arty hows outside of Soufflenheim at 15852590 as of 18 Feb.  
4 - 88mm guns, in positions as AT guns, at edge of woods vic 108223.

Rumors PW-noncom of 8th Co heard from replacements, coming up from Surbourg that a German Railroad gun has been in position behind that town. About 7-8 nights ago this gun fired during the night, unmolested by Americans, the next following night they got a few shots off, after which American Artillery opened up, hitting an ammunition dump nearby, causing many losses amongst the men and putting gun out of commission.

Miscellaneous PW's found leaflets, printed for 257th Div 20 Feb in vic 077224 and believed in their contents.

Interrogated by  
IPW team 182 (VI Corps Arty)  
S/Sgt Paul J. Balog

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DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #168SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE

1. a. Corps front remained generally quiet during the night and morning. There was a decrease in the amount of flares used by the cy but vehicular movement increased N of REIPERTSWILLER (Q-8037). Tracked vehicular activity was heard vic KINDWILLER (Q-8929). One 7 man cy patrol vic HAGUENAU was ambushed resulting in 1 cy killed, 1 wounded and 5 P.W.'s. A friendly patrol found an cy minefield 150 feet long consisting of schu-mines vic Q-933222 supported by 8-10 M/G's, A/W and S/A.

b. The sectors of 42d, 101st A/B and the 36th Div's remained quiet during the afternoon. 30 to 40 cy, in small groups of 5 men each, were seen between ENGWILLER (Q-9131) and GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN (Q-9233). AOP received AA fire from woods N of UHRWILLER vic Q-885320. A civilian reported to 14th AD that tracked vehicles and HD Arty came from MIETESHEIM (Q-9230) to BITSCHOFFEN (Q-9128) early this morning. Vehicular activity was observed vic Q-91503152 at 1510A.

2. Radar Targets:

Radar picked up vehicular traffic vic ENGWILLER Q-9162-3151 at 1945A, Q-9170-3167 at 1947A and Q-9197-3195 and 1950A. Missions were not assigned on this light traffic.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY

a. Shelling during the period was generally lt and scattered and fairly evenly divided between night and daylight harassing fire. Very little med. shelling was reported and the concentrations of lt cal. were all under 10 rds with the exception of 50 rds CB fire received by A Btry of the 36 F and two 10 rd concentrations in OBERHOFFEN and one in RINGELDORF during the night and early morning. Mediums shelled HAGUENAU and OBERHOFFEN lightly during the night and lt calibers harassed our fwd. elements. A Btry of the 36 F, which was harassing the RR between SOULTZ and HOFFEN in case the 380 mm tried to open fire, received 50 rds of CB fire from two lt batteries at 0205 hrs for the periods heaviest concentration and the first reported CB fire in a long while. Between 0730A hours and noon cy Arty fire was negligible, and for the rest of the period only very lt harassing fire from 75's, 88's and 105's was reported.

The shelling was scattered over the Corps front and HAGUENAU, SCHMEIGHAUSEN, NEIDERMODERN, PFAFFENHOFFEN, RINGELDORF, LICHTENBERG, FUCHSTHAL 7639, and 8433 sq. were the areas hit.

Shellrep total - 41.

103 Div	42 Div	14 A Div	36 Div	101 Div	33 Brig	405 Gp	35 Gp	2 FOB
1	2	7	6	3	16	1	1	4

b. Changes to EB List #25:

(1) Additions:

CONC NO	COORDINATES	ACC	SOURCE	NO/TYPE
8833 RN	8865-3320	B	AOP	2/G
9529 RO	9556-2915	B	AOP	8/105
0030 RL	0040-3054	A	AP 22 Feb	2/Lt
1035 RM	1049-3500	A	AP 23 Feb	4/Lt
1525 VA	1595-2555	A	AP 22 Feb	2/Lt
1621 WZ	1627-2186	A	AP 22 Feb	2/Lt

(2) Amendments:

0030 WB	0061-3059	A	AP 22 Feb	3/Lt
1024 FH	1020-2492	A	AP 22 Feb	3/Lt
1525 QA	1591-2595	A	AP 22 Feb	4/Lt
1821 QF	1812-2203	A	AP 23 Feb	1/Lt
1913 OX	1980-1293	A	AP 23 Feb	3/Lt

(3) Deletions:

1913 QC	1726 NV	2225 OI
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Flash turned in an A accuracy confirmation of 0030 WB and Sound had 2 A accuracy and one B accuracy locations of 1226 XI and in addition one C accuracy plot of 0827 RI.

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SECTION III. OPERATIONS

a. Harassing fire by Corps Arty during the night was placed principally on known ey btry locations and junctions of main supply routes. Based on information from intelligence sources that the German 380mm RR gun was to fire during the night, harassing fire was placed on two possible locations for this piece, one west of SOULTZ, the other north of HOFFEN.

Corps Arty, firing on several locations in the OBERHOFFEN area at 2130A, in conjunction with 36th Inf Div Arty, supported 36th Inf Div in a program designed to capture PW's. Details of results of the program are not available.

Good results were reported by 501 AFA Bn air observer, who conducted two counter battery missions on "88's". A converged btry sheaf was fired on one "88" at Q9563-2941. A direct hit was noted on an "88" at Q91503152. Intense 1st AA fire, .50 cal and 20mm from the ENCWILLER area caused the pilot considerable trouble.

Three direct hits on a house at Q86583492 were claimed by 17 FA Bn FO who adjusted his Bn on the tgt. Ey personnel had been noted around the bldg.

A request from 103 Inf Div for destruction of a series of buildings at Q8622-3216 was honored by 995 FA Bn between 1405 A and 1500A. 17 rds were fired, adjusted by an observer from 928 FA Bn. 5 houses were destroyed.

6 FA Gp and Bns atchd to 33 FA Brig were relvd of atchmt at 241200A Feb 45. The following atchmts are now effective:

6 FA Gp: Atchd 36 FA Bn, 634 FA Bn, 698 FA Bn (-C Btry).

46 FA Gp: Atchd 194 FA Bn, 938 FA Bn, 939 FA Bn.

b. Summary of Missions:

(1) Div Arty:

Type	36 IDA		14 Armd		42 IDA		103 IDA		101 A/B	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	1					1				
Per	13		3	1	10	2	6		9	5
Veh	2		2	1	1				2	
MG & Mor	2			1	5	4	2		12	1
Armor						1			3	3
Def Fire	6			6	1					
Har		7			2	17		13	1	17
Reg	20		11		11		3		5	
Misc	2		1		3	3	11	7	1	
Prop		4		1						
TOTAL	46	11	17	10	33	28	22	20	33	26

(2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		46 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		10		4		1		7
Per					2		1	
Veh							1	
Har		16		5		14		5
Reg	6		4		1		3	
Misc				4				
Dest								
TOTAL	6	26	4	13	3	15	1	12

AOP Missions - 15

SECTION IV. TANK DESTROYERS

Operations:

614 TD Bn providing AT defense in assigned sector. Companies completed shifting of positions in compliance with Regtl Boundary changes. Co C.O.'s continued to improve positions and reconnoiter for new ones.

636 TD Bn preparing to take over new AT sectors. "A" Co assembled in KRIEGERHEIM, and B Co assembled in WINGERSHEIM, are undergoing maintenance of vehicles, and limited training. 3 TD's of "C" Co took up positions to support the 1st Bn of the 143rd RCT. Recon. Co - No Change.

645 TD Bn maintaining AT defense in assigned sector, continued to harass enemy supply routes. 4 guns "A" Co, indirect fire position vic WEITERSWILLER (Q7628), fired a total of 60 rds HE in unobserved harassing fire on enemy artillery position (Q84404258) and enemy supply routes. Another gun of "A" Co, fired 26 rds APC, direct fire, on house vic (Q846548). House believed to have been damaged extensively. 3 guns "C" Co, indirect fire position vic PUBERG (Q6934) expended a total of 40 rds HE in unobserved harassing fire on enemy supply routes. Rcn Co -- No change.

807 TD Bn, continued AT defense of assigned sector. Companies did no firing during period. The Hqs Section of "C" Co, moved to new location at KRASTATT. Platoon CP groups also moved. Remainder of Co. to wait until relieved.

#### SECTION V. MISCELLANEOUS

1/25000 scale maps of the HAGUENAU forest between MIETESHEIM (9331) and SOUFLENGHEIM, have been revised by the CEO, VI Corps Arty, using photos taken 2 Feb 1945, to indicate the present extent of clearings in the forest, many of which the Germans are now using for artillery positions. Automatic issue will be made to all Corps Artillery Group Hqs and battalions. Division Artilleries may obtain them from their Division Engineers.

Front Lines: No change.

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"1. Robot Bombs.

V-1

The following information has been taken from many sources and is a summation of information so far available. It seems especially desirable to mention these weapons since at least one V-1 has fallen in Seventh Army area by chance or design and it would be well to have some idea of what they do.

The German flying bomb is a mid-wing monoplane. It is powered by a jet-propulsion unit placed above the rear fuselage section which it overhangs by about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet. A single fin and rudder is located between this unit and the top of the tail cone.

There have been other models reported, but the one which is operational has a tapering wing with a span of 16 feet. The overall length is  $25' 4\frac{1}{2}"$ . Gross wing area is estimated at 55 square feet. The wing is in two sections which passes through a sleeve extending across the middle of the fuel tank. No ailerons are fitted.

The fuselage is all steel except for the extreme nose, which is made of light metal. A magnetic compass, enclosed in a light alloy housing, is placed in the extreme nose. Next to the magnetic compass is the warhead. Behind the warhead is the pressurized 156.6 gallon fuel tank, followed by the pressure bottle compartment. Following this compartment is the automatic pilot, main fuel control unit, master time controller, and radio transmitter compartment. In the extreme tail are the pneumatic servo motors for operating the control surfaces.

The thrust of the propulsion unit is about 500 lbs at 350 mph with fuel consumption at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  lbs per hour per pound thrust. There have been authenticated reports of true air speeds up to 400 mph at 3000 feet, but level flight speeds at varying altitudes up to that height, as reported by pilots and ground observers, show considerable variation.

V-2

From the day that Allied Intelligence first began to fit together bits of information about the monster German rocket, the truth about V-2 has consistently proved more fantastic than the rumors. It has grown in size from a supposed twenty-odd feet to a confirmed 45 feet 10 inches. Its maximum velocity is now known to exceed 3500 rpm. It soars to a height of 58 miles, into the calm of the ionosphere, and it can be launched practically anywhere.

Two things should be noted about V-2. First it's size and speed are not true indications of it's efficiency as a weapon. Actually it is comparable to the V-1 in destructive power and accuracy. There have been some indications, however, that the accuracy in range at the least is somewhat greater than V-1. Second, V-2 is actually a bold and brilliant engineering experiment. No other man-made object has ever flown so fast or so high. The construction problems alone are formidable considering the enormous stresses and changes in temperature encountered during flight. Range and directional control are even more complicated. V-2 takes off in a wobble, quickly gathers momentum, and at the end of burning is traveling about one mile per second. Shortly after launching, it is deflected from it's course by preset gyro. It was thought originally that the termination of burning was controlled from the ground by radio, but it is believed now that the power is turned off automatically when the acceleration has reached a pre-determined point. During this time, the weight has been decreasing steadily due to the fuel consumption which is of course tremendous.

After power ceases, gravity takes over, and from this point to the target the trajectory is that of a free projectile in space affected by the rotation of the earth and differences in air densities encountered at different altitudes. At the top of the trajectory, speed is reduced from 5200 feet per second to 3850 feet per second. Gravity pull on the descending leg gradually builds the speed up to a maximum of 5550 feet per second, but by this time the projectile is again traveling through dense atmosphere. It decelerates rapidly during the last 15 miles of flight to an approximate 3000 feet per second on impact, the nose becoming red hot through skin friction."

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DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #169.

SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

1. a. Ey activity increased in the center of Corps front but remainder of front remained quiet. Vehicular activity was heard vic NIEFFERN Q-8729 and GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN. A friendly patrol to S of BITSCHHOFFEN Q-9128 drew sniper fire from the town.

b. The 42d, 101st A/B and 103rd Div sectors remained quiet during the afternoon. 14th AD patrols report an ey tank at Q-919313 with a number of fox holes around it. A minefield was reported on RJ at S end of BITSCHHOFFEN Q-9128 measuring 300 yds by 10 yds. In the 36th Div sector 2 motor cyclists were observed dismounting at house vic R-049251.

2. Radar Targets:

Radar picked up vehicular traffic moving to NW vic 977-353 at 2313A. Movement ceased after the 939 FA Bn fired 1 btry volley on 9757-3530 at 2345A.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. No change occurred in the relatively inactive attitude of the enemy artillery during the period, for shelling was rare and very light, not more than 15 rounds being fired at any one time. The bulk of this light fire was directed into the center of the front between PFAFFENNOFFEN and HAGUENAU where increased movements incidental to reliefs in that area may possibly have attracted enemy attention. During the night HAGUENAU received a few rounds of 210mm and 88's harassed the woods to the SE while SAVERNE drew 12 rounds 280mm cal.

Scattered concentrations were placed during the day on our forward positions vic HAGUENAU, NIEDERMODERN, NEUBURG, PFAFFENNOFFEN, OBERMODERN, and ROTHBACH, with longer range fire being laid on GRASSENDORF (9124) and RINGELDORF (9025).

The long suspected presence of 210mm Morser 18 hows on our front was confirmed today when the 36th Div Arty obtained the essential data on a dud that fell last night at Q46-227. The groove bearing on this specimen passed very close to a B accuracy sound location 1534 RC, which is a very likely candidate.

The 12 rounds, including 5 airburst for adjustment, which fell into SAVERNE during the night, appear to be of 280mm cal, pre-rifled, of the same type as the old Anzio-Express. This type of gun is known to have a very long range, possibly 50 miles, for Dover, England was shelled from across the Channel by it. Fragments recovered from one air burst and the known shellholes are definitely of this type, and although the 380mm gun active in the past may also have fired at the same time, no fragments of it were found and it seems improbable that it did, for its possible firing positions were under harassment at the time. Moreover, it is doubtful that the Germans would adjust with the 380mm and fire for effect with the 280, considering the dispersion of the pieces, ranges involved, ballistic characteristics of the guns, and difficulties of communication. Grooves from the shelled areas, and the dispersion pattern also, indicate that the 280mm fired from the ZWELBRUCKEN-HORNBAACH spur, possibly from the Q72-65 vicinity, where RR guns have been active in the past. In view of the rather rapid rate of fire for effect, and also from the dispersion pattern, two 280mm guns located on the same spurs, rather than one, may have been responsible.

Shellrep total: 39

101 A/B	103 Div	14 Armd	42 Div	36 Div	33 Brig	405 Gp	6 Gp
3	3	5	1	9	5	1	2
46 Gp	2 FOB						
5	5						

b. Changes to EB List #25:

(1) Suspect List #25-4

9563-2941	88's	AOP
9130-3152	88's	AOP

Both Sound and Flash had a very light day with only one location reported; that being an A accuracy confirmation of 1024 PH picked up by Sound.

SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. During the period, marked by uncertain visibility and limited activity on the Corps front, artillery with the Corps was comparatively inactive. The harassing fire by Corps Arty during the night was placed principally on lines of communication and supply routes. Possible locations for the large cal gun shelling SAVERNE area were harassed heavily during and immediately after the shelling took place.

A Cub plane of 103 Inf Div Arty was shot down by ey lt AA fire from the area NW of UHRWILLER. The pilot was uninjured and able to land his plane in friendly territory.

In reply to requests from 42 Inf Div, 995 FA Bn adjusted on and destroyed two buildings that were being employed by the ey as strong points. The first, a stone house at Q84463487, had been particularly troublesome. During the past several days fire from artillery with the Div had been employed to keep the bldg neutralized. 995 FA Bn FO fired 50 rds from his Bn on this target, completely demolishing the building except for a portion of one wall which was left standing.

The other strong point was in a house at Q78964046. 995 FA Bn air observer used only 14 rds from his Bn to obtain 6 hits on the bldg with T-105 fuze and 1 hit with fuze delay. The house was destroyed beyond future use.

A steeple at Q85633263, harboring an ey OP, was destroyed by 995 FA Bn in response to a request by 103 Inf Div. A fwd observer from 928 FA Bn made the adjustment, firing 19 rds, 7 of which were direct hits.

24 rds from 36 FA Bn, adjusted by the Bn's ground observer, on an ey btry at Q98693122, started a fire in vic of the btry position. The area was reported to be neutralized.

Destruction of a house at Q96032941 suspected of containing ey personnel, was accomplished by 634 FA Bn adjusted by 499 AFA Bn AOP. The mission took a total of 49 rds, of which 11 were seen to hit the bldg.

An ey machine gun, firing from R03552448, was destroyed by fire from 133 FA Bn. 28 rds were expended.

59 AFA Bn was successfully adjusted on two buildings during the period. 5 rds, out of 22 fired, hit on a barracks at R08012193. Of 49 rds fired at a house at R07132236, 8 hit the bldg.

575 FA Bn (-A & C Btries) was relieved of attachment to 35 FA Gp and attached to 6 FA Gp.

b. Summary of Missions:

(1) Div Arty:

Type	14 ADA		36 IDA		42 IDA		101 ARA		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	2					1	2	1	1	1
Per	7		1		5	2	16		8	3
Veh	1				1	2	4		2	
MG & Mor	1	1	5		2	1	4	2	2	1
Armor						1			3	
Def Fires					2	3				
Har		1		5	2	5		14		16
Reg	8		12		12		3		12	
Misc	2	3	13	2	4		4		6	1
Prop	1								4	5
TOTAL	22	5	31	7	28	15	33	17	38	27

(2) Corps Arty

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		46 Gp	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	1	16		2	2	8		6
Per	1		1					2
Veh	1							
Har		2		8		3		3
Reg	4		4		1		3	
Misc							1	
Dest					3			
	7	18	5	10	6	11	4	11

AOP Missions: 16



SECTION IV. TANK DESTROYERS.

Operations:

614 TD Bn maintaining anti tank defense in assigned sector and improving gun positions.

636 TD Bn relieved 807 TD Bn of anti tank responsibility in new sector.

Co "A" attached 142 RCT completed relief of Co "B" 807 TD Bn at 241900A. Co "B" assembled in WINBERSHEIM continued training and maintenance of TD's. "C" Co has one plt attached 143 RCT, 1st Plt attached to 117 Rcn Sq. One TD of 1st Plt moved out under cover of arty barrage and fired 8 rds HE and 7 rds APC at small groups of ey-Inf and SP gun vic R084214. The 117 Rcn Sq reported one direct hit on the SP and some personnel casualties from this firing. Rcn Co less one plt attached 117 Rcn Sq. Eight men with two .30 cal MG became attached 36 Rcn Tp and took up positions vic R060231.

645 TD Bn providing AT defense and firing direct and indirect missions. A 4 gun btry of "A" Co fired 30 rds HE unobserved harassing fire on enemy supply routes. One TD of "A" Co moved to Q843346 and fired 26 rds APC, direct fire, on ey house containing MG nest. House reported extensively damaged.

Three guns of "C" Co expended 20 rds HE on unobserved harassing fires. Rcn Co maintaining road security and patrol training.

807 TD Bn relieved of anti tank responsibility and assembled all units for movement.

SECTION V. MISCELLANEOUS.

Front Lines: No change.

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DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #170

SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE

1. a. Ey remained generally quiet on the Corps front. A friendly patrol engaged ey in S/A fire fight vic Q932881. 30 ey attacked house vic Q78753805 at 0545A but were driven off.

b. During the afternoon tracked vehicles were heard NW of REIFERTS-WILLER vic Q798377 in the 42 Div sector. The 103 Div sector remained quiet. Four ey were observed leaving fox holes vic Q930284 and then entering woods to NE at 1328A. Our patrol to the S of BITSCHHOFFEN (Q9128) drew S/A fire at Q91402845 from Q91452855. In the 36 Div sector AOP observed a 20 man group wearing white helmets vic Q940284. Our arty ignited a S/A and mortar ammo dump vic R00362518. AOP reported another large fire vic R052245 which appeared to be oil.

2. Radar Targets.

Vehicular traffic was picked up by radar vic R17073466 at 2250A. The target was outside our fire possibilities consequently no mission was assigned.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY

a. Slight increase was exhibited in the activity of the ey arty during the period; but the fire on the whole was still lt, the heaviest concentration reported consisting of only 25 rds. The BISCHWILLER-KALTENHOUSE-HAGUENAU area, as usual, drew most of the shelling. For once, no heavy calibers were active during the night, which saw only small, lt caliber harassing concentrations fall in vic of OBERMODERN, SCHWEIGHAUSEN, EBERACH (Q9227), and HAGUENAU. The morning was fairly quiet, but around noon and lasting until 1700A the ey arty was more lively. It was during this time that scattered harassing concentrations were directed in the HAGUENAU, KALTENHOUSE, and BISCHWILLER areas, by one or two guns in each case, firing usually 10 to 15 rds, lt and med cal. The ey seemed particularly interested in the approaches to HAGUENAU vic (R0323), four points in that area receiving a total of 65 rds. Other areas lightly shelled were BISCHOLTZ, RINGELDORF (Q9025), PFAFFENHOFFEN, HANHOFFEN (R0917) and DAUENDORF (Q9426).

Shellrep total - 50

36 Div 103 Div 14 AD 405 Gp 46 Gp 6 Gp 2 FOB  
22 4 4 2 4 7 7

b. Changes to EB List #25

(1) Additions:

CONC NO	COORDINATE	ACC	SOURCE	NO/TYPE
9232 VK	9246-3270	A	AP-25 Feb	4/Lt
9634 VM	9679-3478	A	AP-25 Feb	3/Lt
0030 ZN	0031-3077	A	AP-25 Feb	4/Lt
0326 VG	0309-2607	A	AP-25 Feb	1/Lt
1228 RP	1200-2898	B	2 FOB-S	1/G
1617 VJ	1622-1797	A	AP-25 Feb	1/HAA
1618 VI	1646-1874	A	AP-25 Feb	2/HAA
1719 VN	1735-1942	A	AP-25 Feb	4/Lt
1719 VO	1793-1965	A	AP-25 Feb	3/Lt

(2) Amendments:

0030 WB	0061-3059	A	AP-25 Feb	3/Med
0436 WC	0467-3628	A	AP-25 Feb	4/HAA
0728 RG	0799-2809	A	AP-25 Feb	1/G

(3) Deletions:

9034 WP	1722 ZC	1023 PY	1712 OV	0823 XT
8835 XQ	2014 OM	1523 QS	1822 FB	7542 M4R
8935 XO	1422 OM	1124 NZ	1917 PX	7642 M4Q
9033 WE	1225 QH	1606 ZO	1921 QJ	8139 QD
1525 UA	1222 OC	1624 QX	0923 XS	8141 QE

Suspect List #25-5

936-345	AOP	2/G
8904-3170	AOP	1/G
1520-3718	AP-25 Feb	RR/G

Sound made one location during the period, a B accuracy plot of a new btry in the 1228 square.

# S E C R E T

## SECTION III. OPERATIONS

a. Continued slight activity over the Corps front and visibility, limited by low clouds and ground haze during most of the period, restricted operations by Corps Arty principally to unobserved counterbattery and harassing fire. Div Arty was able to locate and fire on a number of targets of close-in nature, such as personnel, MG's, and mortars.

Destruction of a factory bldg at 86673080, which has been the source of considerable trouble to the inf, was accomplished by 995 FA Bn at the request of 103 Inf Div. AOP made the adjustment, using a total of 15 rds. One rd fuze quick, 4 rds fuze delay, and 2 rds fuze T-105 hit the factory, completely demolishing it.

An ey gun in position at Q89043170 was destroyed by fire from 141 FA Bn. 18 rds were adjusted on the location of which 2 were reported to be direct hits.

501 AFA Bn used 33 rds to destroy an ey SP gun at Q91183194. The ground observer from "C" Btry made the adjustment.

MG's, firing from a house at R04292480, were silenced by 4 hits on the bldg by 133 FA Bn. The adjustment was made at 1121A by the Bn's FQ.

### b. Summary of Missions:

#### (1) Div Arty:-

Type	14 AD		36 IDA		42 IDA		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB			3				1	
Per	7		16		8	3	7	
Veh	2					1	1	
MG & Mor		1	16		4	1	1	
Armor			1					
Har	6	1		9		11		14
Reg			22		8		11	
Misc	4	3			10			1
Prop				2				5
TOTAL	19	5	58	11	30	16	21	20

#### (2) Corps Arty:-

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		46 Gp	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	2	7			1	14	1	9
Per								1
Har		5		4				3
Reg	1		3				2	
Misc								5
Dist					1			
TOTAL	3	12	3	4	2	14	3	18

AOP Missions - 8

## SECTION IV. TANK DESTROYERS

### Operations:

614 TD Bn continued anti-tank defense of sector and improving gun positions. First Rcn Plt received night patrol mission of Div area.

636 TD Bn maintaining AT defense and firing assault missions for the inf. Co "B" received 6 new M36's (90mm) and continues training. The 1st Plt of Co "C" fired on ey MG nest vic R090211 and fired again on SP gun previously hit at R082214. The Plt expended 40 rds HE and 10 rds APC on this assault fire. Hits were scored on the SP but the extent of damage was unknown and undetermined. Rcn Co - no change.

645 TD Bn providing anti-tank defense in assigned sector. Some TD's were shifted to better positions during the period and reserve units continued training.

## SECTION V. MISCELLANEOUS

No change in forward elements of the Corps,

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Date: 27 Feb 45  
From: 261800A Feb 45  
TO : 271800A Feb 45

DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #171.

SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

1. a. There was decreasing contact with the ey in the right half of the 42d Div zone. Our patrol entering NIEFFERN (Q8729) was resisted by ey using S/A and mortar fire. A five man ey patrol was dispersed by our Inf vic Q855324, 2 ey believed wounded. Scattered ey vehicular, MG, Burp gun and flare activity was observed in BITSHOFFEN (Q9128), KINDWILLER (Q9029) and woods vic Q932278. HAGUENAU received intermittent S/A fire. Ey set up smoke screen vic Q907325 to Q915328 at approximately 1000A.

b. During the afternoon in the 42d Div sector contact was made with small ey groups vic Q769389, Q765400, Q759406. A wounded ey evacuated from NIEFFERN (Q8729) stated an estimated 100 men came into NIEFFERN last night and were still there. In the 14th AD sector some ey personnel were observed vic Q908323 during the afternoon. In 36th Div zone an ey MG position vic R07202240 was engaged by Arty and ey was seen running to the rear from it.

2. Radar Targets.

a. A moving target was picked up by Radar vic Q871513645 at 2347A. Vehicular activity was picked up at R0366532275 at 2020A. The 634th FA Bn fired 3 rds complete at 2110A. Radar reported activity decreased considerably after the firing.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. Ey artillery activity continued at the same slightly increased tempo noted in the preceding period, and was also marked by a resumption of light shelling in the 42 Div sector, due probably to increased patrol activity there. Except for a few rounds harassing fire in the woods NW of SCHWEIGHAUSEN, also in PHAFFENHOFFEN and HAGUENAU, the chief event of the night was a 40-50 round mixed cal demonstration that the enemy laid in the OBERHOFFEN area at 2120A. In the morning light calibers scattered a few harassing concentrations in the REIFERTSWILLER and WILDENGUTH areas, but otherwise no shelling was reported. About noon, light concentrations possibly from SPs, began to fall intermittently in the HAGUENAU area vic 0323, and later in the afternoon the same type of fire was reported in the woods SE of NEUBURG. The WILDENGUTH area was again lightly shelled, and interdiction fire was placed on OBERMODERN, with light harassment of our positions in the ROTHBACH area also reported.

Shellrep total: 78

36 Div	42 Div	103 Div	14 AD	2 FOB	46 Gp	36 Gp	405 Gp	35 Gp
17	10	4	2	11	8	23	2	1

b. Changes to EB List #25:

(1) Additions:

8344 R4Z	8319-4482	A	AP-25 Feb	2/Lt
8344 S4A	8327-4462	A	AP-25 Feb	3/Lt Prob
9331 R4	9310-3190	A	2 FOB-F	1/G

(2) Suspect List #25-6

9180-3080	2 FOB-F	1/G
9900-2950	2 FOB-F	1/G

Both Sound and Flash were active during the period with Sound turning in an A accuracy confirmation of 0824 PL and Flash getting C accuracy plots in the 9130 and 9929 squares in addition to an A accuracy confirmation of 0030 WB and a new location in the 9331 square. Flash adjusted our arty on both of the latter locations.

SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Operations of artillery with the Corps were maintained at a minimum, due in general to limited observation and reduced activity on the Corps front during the period. Night harassing fire was placed largely on known ey btry locations, in an effort to reduce night fire on our front elements.

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"B" Flash, 2 FA Obsn Bn, made a night adjustment of 634 FA Bn on an ey btry at R006306. 4 rds were fired on the adjustment, followed by 27 rds HE fuze quick and 8 rds HE POZIT fuze for effect. All rds were observed in the target area. The rds fuze with POZIT were reported as exploding through a 50 yd ht of burst bracket.

995 FA Bn continued its destruction program by knocking down a steeple, which contained an ey OP, at Q91472879. This mission was requested by 14 Armd Div, which has been receiving considerable trouble from that building. A total of 17 rds were used on the mission, of which 10 were direct hits.

36 Inf Div requested the destruction of several houses in vic of R02862470. Adjusted by an observer from 143 Inf Regt, 194 FA Bn honored this request by demolishing two houses and badly damaging two others.

500 AFA Bn, adjusted by a ground observer, succeeded in destroying a vehicle at Q909320. Personnel with the vehicle were dispersed.

A fire was started in an ammo dump by 132 FA Bn at 1555A. 44 rds were adjusted on the tgt, located at R00362518, by the Bn's FO.

## b. Summary of Missions:

### (1) Div Arty:

	14 ADA		36 IDA		42 IDA		103 IDA	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	1		2		1	12	1	1
Per	6		12		10	1	8	2
Veh	2		1					
MG & Mor		2	14		7	4	3	
Armor			1				1	
Def	1	12		6				
Har			2		8	5		14
Reg	8		8		8		13	
Misc		2	3				2	
Prop				5				
TOTAL	18	16	41	13	34	22	28	17

### (2) Corps Arty:

	6 Gp		35 Gp		46 Gp		405 Gp	
Type	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	4	12		4		12	2	10
Per	1					1		
Har		5		13		2		3
Reg	5		1		2		3	
Misc					1			
Dest					2		1	
TOTAL	10	17	1	17	5	15	6	13

AOP Missions: 12

## SECTION IV. TANK DESTROYERS.

### Operations:

614 TD Bn providing anti tank defense in assigned sector. One gun of "C" Co and one 57mm gun of 411 Inf Regt moved to Q834334 to fire on ey SP. Gun crews failed to detect ey SP gun and moved back to original positions. First Rcn Plt relieved 103 Rcn patrol of patrol missions in Div areas.

636 TD Bn maintaining AT defense and firing direct missions for the Inf. One TD of 1st Plt "C" Co fired on ey in factory at R086212. One TD of 2nd Plt fired on tower at R032232. The 2 TD's fired a total of 30 rds HE and 5 rds APC with undetermined results, however, 5 hits were scored on tower. Rcn Co reld 36 Rcn Tp at 262000A and took up defensive positions from R058234 to R062224.

645 TD Bn providing AT defense and firing indirect harassing missions. Between 2200A and 0600A four guns of "B" Co expended 90 rds HE unobserved harassing fire on ey Arty positions and road nets. Rcn Co: No change.

## SECTION V. MISCELLANEOUS.

Front Lines: No change.

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DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #172.

SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

1. a. The enemy remains generally inactive on Corps front. Two Pw's captured at (Q780387) at 2830A were identified to be from 1st and 3rd Co's 221 VG Regt. Vehicle movement ROTHBACH-OFFWILLER Road and heavy tracked vehicles in BISCHHOLTZ (Q8532) were heard in early part of period. Four deserters picked up by 103d Div were from 5th Co. 165th Regt. and 1st Co. 36th Engr Bn. During the night there was increased vehicular activity between KINDWILLER and BITSCHHOFFEN. One PW deserter from 4th Co. 104th Regt. 47th PGD taken by the 14th Armd Div, who sent patrols to (Q93502765) and (Q927288) without contact. Eny was observed chopping trees vic (Q979265) during the morning. Ey personnel and horsedrawn vehicles were observed north of ENGWILLER vic (Q909323) moving along E-W road throughout the morning.
- b. The enemy limited his activity to light harassing arty fires principally vic (Q9925) and (Q9725) with a total of 51 rds reported during the afternoon. Sounds of ey digging were heard in vic of (Q843366) and (Q829382).

2. Radar Targets.

- a. A moving target was picked up by Radar at 0852-2856. A TOT was fired on this target at 0020A.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

- a. The fluctuating but generally light enemy artillery activity in this period descended to a low point, due perhaps in some measure to good weather which favored our AOP's during the day. Chief target for light harassing fires during the night was the HAGUENAU area, including 10 rounds heavy caliber, which fell at 2200A when the enemy shot into our forward area, possibly as cover for his attack on the 3rd DIA in vic of OBERKOFFEN. A few rounds light caliber were fired into the WILDENGUTH and 7638 areas several times during the night also. Daylight hours were uneventful, with only a few 5-10 round concentrations vic NEUBURG, in the woods W of SCHWEIG-HAUSEN and in the town and on our forward elements vic WILDENGUTH, HAGUENAU, and N of ZUTZENDORF (8628) being reported.

Shellrep total: 44:

36 Div	42 Div	2 FOB	103 Div	46 Gp	405 Gp	35 Gp	6 Gp
21	7	3	1	7	3	1	1

b. Changes to EB List #25.

(1) Additions:

0726 RR      0789-2686      A      2FOB-F      1/med.

(2) Amendments:

8833 RN      to read      3/- camouflaged.

(3) Deletions:

8835 WG      0927 FP

(4) Suspect list #25-7.

918-329	VIC AIPW	3/15 cm/Nebel
917-327	"	4/105/H
926-335	"	3/SP
9462-2769	2 FOB-F	1/-
9536-2761	2 FOB-F	1/-

Flash picked up and adjusted on a new location believed medium 0726 RR. Two other locations were also observed by flash but were very near the enemy front line and may have been light flak harassing our front lines. Sound made one location confirming 1123 OD.

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## SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Firing by artillery with the Corps continued to be light. The harassing program fired during the night covered points on the lines of communication and enemy btrys. Visibility improved sharply during the day, with ground and air OP's reporting the visibility as excellent after noon.

The flash base of "B" Btry, 2 FOB located an ey btry in the 0727 sq, during the night and adjusted 938th FA Bn on the guns. Following the adjustment, the 46th FA Gp fired a TOT using the 194, 938, and 939 FA Bn and "C" Btry, 216 AA Bn.

"B" Btry, 216 AA Bn, was adjusted by the AOP of the 405th FA Gp on ey personnel which were observed standing around a bonfire and dispersed the group.

GOP of 542nd FA Bn fired the 995th FA Bn on a precision mission on a pillbox in the 8338 sq. 4 direct hits were noted out of 18 rds expended and the pillbox was demolished.

42nd Div Arty AOP adjusted 976th FA Bn on a supply and ammo dump which had been spotted both by ACP and photos. Fire was reported as effective with 3 target hits obtained.

50-60 ey personnel and several vehicles on the road vic 8737 sq were the target for 17th and 995th FA Bns, and fighter bombers. With 976th FA Bn AOP observing, fire was started by the 995th FA Bn which dropped initial rounds among the personnel and cratered the road. Switching to the 17th FA Bn the area was effectively covered with Pozit Fuse. The 995th FA Bn took the vehicles under fire and left at least one smoking. Then 17th FA Bn marked the target with smoke for the attack of fighter bombers.

Good visibility permitted the registration of "B" Btry, 575th FA Bn, by P-51 observation. Upon reports of flak by the pilot a prearranged counter-flak program was fired which stopped the interference and the mission was completed.

634th FA Bn was fired on 20 to 30 ey in house at 938270 by 132nd FA Bn GOP. The house was demolished and 12 casualties noted.

### b. Summary of Missions:

(1) Div Arty:		14 ADA		36 IDA		42 IDA		103 IDA	
Type		Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB						2		1	
Per		6	2	22	1	3	3	6	4
Veh		2		2				2	
MG & Mor		1		14		5	5	2	1
Armor				8					
Har				19		1	20		19
Reg		10		5		19		22	
Misc			10			3		6	
Prop			8						
Smoke								2	
TOTAL		19	20	51	20	31	30	41	24

(2) Corps Arty:		6 Gp		35 Gp		46 Gp		405 Gp	
Type		Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		8		1		1	7		7
Per		3	1	3		3		2	
Har			4	14		6			1
Reg		9		3		7		7	
Misc								5	
Dest				1				1	
TOTAL		12	13	8	14	11	18	10	8

AOP Missions: 26

## SECTION IV: TANK DESTROYERS:

Operations:  
614 TD Bn providing AT defense in assigned sector. Co CO's continued improving positions. The 1st Rcn platoon continued their patrol mission in Division sector.  
636 TD Bn maintaining AT defense in assigned sector. One TD of "A" Co, at (9955217) fired 10 rds Star Shell in support of the 1st Bn., 142nd R.C.T., to enable their O.P's to check on enemy movement. Results of firing were reported as excellent. Battalion CP moved during period to new location at (9003191). Rcn Co - No change.

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645 TD Bn providing A.T. defense in assigned sector, continued to harass enemy supply routes. One TD of "A" Co, moved to (Q825358) and fired 13 rds H.E. and 24 rds AP, at enemy pillbox at (Q837380), scoring 9 hits on target. TD then withdrew to original position. The 2nd platoon of "B" Co, expended 16 rds H.E. in unobserved harassing fire on enemy supply routes and artillery position. Rcn Co -- No change.

SECTION V. MISCELLANEOUS.

Front Lines: No change.

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By, but periods of several days of poor visibility persist during March.



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SECTION III. OPERATIONS.

a. Firing by artillery with the Corps continued to be light. The harassing program fired during the night covered points on the lines of communication and enemy btrys. Visibility improved sharply during the day, with ground and air OP's reporting the visibility as excellent after noon.

The flash base of "B" Btry, 2 FOs located an ey btry in the 0727 sq. during the night and adjusted 938th FA Bn on the guns. Following the adjustment, the 46th FA Gp fired a TOT using the 194. 938. and 939 FA Bn and "C" Btry 216 AA B-

ANNEX 1 TO PERIODIC REPORT #172

(Source: G-2 Report, 36 Inf Div, 26 Feb 45)

WEATHER CONDITIONS ALONG THE UPPER RHINE VALLEY FOR MARCH

GENERAL

Although February is the best Winter month for air operations in this area, conditions in March present an improvement insofar as ground activities are concerned. In spite of a general increase in precipitation, there are fewer overcast days in March and much less snowfall and snowcover. A general increase in temperature, better soil conditions, and a longer daily period of daylight and sunlight are to be expected.

TEMPERATURE

Average temperatures along the Rhine Valley and in Southwestern and Western Germany for March are about 5 degrees warmer than for February. In the Black Forest the mean minimums remain below freezing, but in the warmer Rhine Valley itself mean minimums are in most instances 32 degrees or above. Mean monthly temperatures are above 41 degrees along the Rhine from just north of Basel to just north of Strasbourg, slightly colder (37 to 41) to Karlsruhe and warmer than 41 north of Karlsruhe. East of Freiburg, mean temperatures drop sharply to 34 degrees in the mountain regions.

MEAN TEMPERATURES FOR MARCH

Rhine Valley - Baden	40.0	Black Forest - Villingen	31.0
Basel	40.8	Donaueschingen	34.0
Metz	41.0	Freundenstadt	35.0
Strasbourg	41.2		
Karlsruhe	41.2		
Freiburg	42.0		

PRECIPITATION

There is a general increase of precipitation over all of the area. In the mountainous regions east of Freiburg and Baden, mean monthly precipitation increases sharply to over 6.0 inches, in contrast to less than 2.4 inches for the most part all along the Rhine. The mean number of days with precipitation over .004 inches for the whole area varies from 10 to 18 days.

Mean Precipitation (Values in Parenthesis are for February):

Strasbourg	1.5 in (1.3)	Metz	1.8 in (1.5)
Frankfurt	1.6 in (1.3)	Munich	1.9 in (1.3)

Mean Number of Days with Snowcover in March

Karlsruhe	2	Strasbourg	3
Frankfurt	2	Munich	10
Metz	3		

CLOUDS AND VISIBILITY

In the Rhine Valley March has the greatest number of clear days observed for the year except for the month of August. Seven to eight is the average number of clear days (less than 2/10 coverage). However, days with coverages of 8/10 or more remain almost the same in number (see below). With a minimum of high pressure centers over France and Western Germany, visibilities improve generally, if slightly, but periods of several days of poor visibility persist during March.

Number of Days with Low Ceilings and Visibilities  
(Ceilings 100 ft or less and/or visibility 1 1/2 mile or less)

	Av	Min	Max		Av	Min	Max
Frankfurt	4	1	12	Cologne	7	4	10
Strasbourg	6	3	10	Munich	8	1	15
Nurnberg	7	3	13	Metz	8 1/2	5	15

Mean Number of Clear and Cloudy Days  
(Values for February in parenthesis)

Clear - less than 2/10 sky cover  
Partly cloudy - 2/10 to 8/10  
Cloudy - 8/10 to overcast

	<u>Clear</u>	<u>Partly Cloudy</u>	<u>Cloudy</u>
Munich	4 (3)	15 (13)	12 (12)
Karlsruhe	5 (4½)	13½ (10)	12½ (13½)
Lower Main Valley	7 (5)	15 (11)	9 (12)
Frankfurt	7½ (5)	14½ (11)	9 (12)
Strasbourg	8 (7)	13 (9½)	10 (11½)

SOIL AND WIND

With warmer temperatures in March, evaporation will begin to exceed saturation and the soil begins to dry out. Conditions for freezing ice on the ground may be present for 4 to 6 days, while conditions for frost will be present for 16 to 20 days.

The prevailing surface wind is southwesterly with southerly and westerly winds next in predominance. In the Strasbourg area, 26% of observation show southwesterly winds, 24% southerly and westerly, 11% northerly. Wind velocity remains low. Strasbourg records show 74% of the winds are from 1-7 mph, 15% calm, 11% 8 to 18 mph.

SUNRISE & SUNSETMOONRISE & MOONSETTABLE FOR MARCH 1945  
AT STRASBOURG

(Prepared by SIC, 2 FA Obsn Bn)

A - TIME

<u>Mar</u>	<u>Sunrise</u>	<u>Sunset</u>	<u>Moonrise</u>	<u>Moonset</u>
1	0712	1812	2044	0833
2	0710	1813	2147	0852
3	0709	1814	2250	0912
4	0707	1816	2354	0934
5	0705	1818		0958
6	0702	1819	0059	1027
7	0700	1821	0204	1102
8	0658	1823	0306	1144
9	0656	1824	0405	1237
10	0654	1826	0457	1341
11	0652	1828	0532	1454
12	0650	1829	0620	1614
13	0648	1831	0653	1736
14	0646	1832	0722	1859
15	0644	1833	0748	2023
16	0642	1835	0815	2145
17	0640	1836	0842	2306
18	0638	1838	0913	
19	0635	1839	0948	0024
20	0633	1841	1029	0136
21	0631	1842	1118	0242
22	0629	1844	1214	0337
23	0627	1846	1315	0423
24	0625	1847	1418	0500
25	0623	1848	1523	0530
26	0621	1850	1628	0557
27	0619	1851	1732	0619
28	0617	1853	1835	0639
29	0615	1854	1939	0658
30	0612	1856	2042	0718
31	0610	1857	2146	0738

ANNEX #2 TO PERIOD REPORT #172.INTERROGATION REPORT

Period 1800 27 Feb 45  
to 1800 28 Feb 45

28 Feb 45

Prisoners: 4

Organization: 2 from 1st Co 36th Engr Bn, 36th VG Division  
2 from 5th Co 165th Regt, 36th VG Division

Captured by: 103rd Div, PW's are deserters.

Locations: CP-2nd Bn, 165th Regt, 36th VG Div in Offwiller in fourth house North of church on East side of road at 85753455. Ammunition dump in factory near Biblisheim at 043328. This dump is about medium size, with mostly mortar ammunition and some artillery ammunition. Artillery: 3-6 barrel rocket launchers in ravine at 918329, the distance between guns is about 50 meters, they were seen by 2 PW's of 1st Co, 36th Engr Bn in the afternoon of 27 Feb. 4-105mm Hows in firing position at 917327. They were seen firing a few shots in the afternoon of 27 Feb. The four pieces from a trapezoid, with approximately 50 meters distance between corners.

SP-guns: 3 guns, caliber unknown to PW seen on 26 Feb in firing position at 926335, distance between guns approximately 15 meters.

Miscellaneous: PW's have very great respect for our artillery, find it very effective. Are especially afraid of phosphorus shells and have the "feeling they are burning alive" during any of these shellings.

Morale: Very low, especially amongst soldiers, originating from territories occupied by Russians or in the wake of the Russian advance.

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DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #173

SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE

1. a. The ey remained quiet during the night. Ey arty was lt and scattered falling mostly on forward elements. Early in the period, vehicular activity was heard in BISCHHOLTZ (Q8532), GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN (Q9233), ZINSWILLER (Q8935) and on the road to ENGWILLER (Q9131). Early in the morning there was vehicular activity N and NE out of HAGUENAU. A demonstration put on by one Regt of 103 Div drew no ey return fire. Identifications: 8 FWs from 7th Co, 221st GR, 16 VG Div vic (Q795-388) and one deserter from 5 Co, 103d GR, 47 VG Div in HAGUENAU sector. During the morning, fighter-bombers attacked motor traffic heading west between WIESEMBOURG (R1548) and BITCHE (Q7750).

b. In early afternoon small groups of ey were seen in vic Q920305, Q912305, Q840360 and Q889319. A friendly patrol met 20 ey vic Q773387, killed three and wounded several. 17 FA Bn OP reported tensil strips suspended between stakes on a rope about 200 yds in length at Q858342. Three ey trucks loaded with personnel observed by 976 FA Bn OP at Q906359 traveling NW at 1200A. At the close of the period the ey attitude was defensive with only scattered harassing arty reported.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY

a. Continued decline in ey arty activity made this period one of the lightest yet experienced on this front. The heaviest concentration reported consisted of 25 rds vic 7738 at 1835A, but most varied only from two to ten rds, and some of these were probably registrations. All the night harassing was confined to the early hours after dark when the WILDENGUTH, DAUENDORF (9425), HAGUENAU, and SCHEWIGHAUSEN areas received a few rds each.

In the daytime, the ey was even less active, with the eastern part of HAGUENAU, SCHEWIGHAUSEN, ROTHBACH, and NEUBURG.

The quiet attitude of the ey arty and the irregular, incomplete photo coverage render difficult an estimate of the ey arty deployment on the whole front. One characteristic becoming increasingly more evident, however, is the deployment in great depth, particularly in the NIEDERBRONN-WALBOURG (0432) sector, of lt batteries which can barely reach the front line. Shellreps and sound locations indicate the same thing is taking place in the forest NE of HAGUENAU. As would be expected from this retrograde movement, the arty strength along the line ZINSWILLER-MERTZWILLER is steadily decreasing, but the LAMBACH-ESCHBACH area is still strong, consisting of 8 lt btries and 2 med btries, for a total of 20 lt guns, and 7 med, in a relatively small area.

Shellrep total - 38

36 Div	42 Div	2 FOB	6 Gp	35 Gp	46 Gp	405 Gp
13	6	1	5	1	11	1

b. Changes to EB List #25

(1) Additions:

CONC NO	COORDINATE	ACC	SOURCE	NO/TYPE
8144 VS	8149-4432	A	AP-28 Feb	5/Lt
8441 RS	8495-4136	A	AP-22 Feb	4/Lt
8835 RV	8885-3565	B	AOP	2/Med
9037 VV	9025-3706	A	AP-28 Feb	2/Lt
9935 VP	9960-3522	A	AP-28 Feb	4/Lt
0234 RW	0295-3405	B	36 AOP	1/G
0928 RU	0917-2839	B	2 FOB-S	1/Med
1024 RT	1045-2416	B	2 FOB-S	2/Lt
2124 VQ	2190-2485	A	AP-28 Feb	2/Lt
2224 VR	2208-2468	A	AP-28 Feb	2/Lt

(2) Deletions:

8144 QB	1035 RM	1618 VI
8935 WH	1419 QL	1821 PJ

(3) Amendments:

8442 RF to read 8420-4250	A	AP-28 Feb	4/Lt
8441 PZ to read 8442 PZ	8460-4200	A	AP-28 Feb 6/Lt

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8750-3365	2 FOB-S	1/G
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Of a total of 5 locations made by 2 FOB, sound obtained two new locations, confirmed one old one, and had one poor accuracy plot on a possible SF. Flash made one area location confirming an old position.

SECTION III. OPERATIONS

a. Visibility during the morning hours was rather limited due to haze and low clouds but improved considerably from noon on. Activity by the arty with the Corps was again lt. Observed missions were chiefly on personnel, machine guns, mortars, and registrations while unobserved missions were largely confined to counterbattery and harassing targets. During the night a harassing program was fired on the ey road net and ey btry locations.

The 42 Div Arty, 35 and 405 Gps participated in a demonstration shoot on known personnel locations in the Div's sector from 1900A to 1915A.

From 1647A to 1715A the 141 FA Bn fired on ey installations and personnel at Q88243183. Observation was by the Bns GOP. 16 rds were fired with 4 hits on the target being reported.

The 501 AFA Bn fired with excellent effect on a large concentration of ey inf digging in at Q93358310. The Bn's GOP furnished observation for the mission.

At 1500A the GOP of the 501 AFA Bn adjusted his Bn on ey personnel and a vehicle at Q91403183. The observer reported the vehicle destroyed and casualties among the personnel.

At 1215A an FO of the 938 FA Bn adjusted his bn on 12 ey personnel at R1192-2214. 12 rds were fired with 3 casualties and damage to 2 houses in the vic being reported.

A GOP of the 36 Div Arty adjusted the 976 FA Bn with good effect on 2 AA guns at Q95103586. 43 rds were expended on this mission from 1235A to 1405A.

At 1816A the 194 FA Bn GOP adjusted the 634 FA Bn on ey in a house at R0008-2627. 20 rds were expended with 3 direct hits being reported.

At 1143A the 141 FA Bn AOP adjusted his Bn on 1 tank and 2 vehicles at Q930346. After 2 rds of HE had been fired the tank and vehicles dispersed and moved away.

At 1045A the 35 Gp AOP adjusted the 141 FA Bn on a tank at Q91683358. 7 rds were expended, with 3 rds being reported very close, before the tank succeeded in getting out of the observation zone.

An FO of the 143 Inf Regt adjusted the 133 FA Bn on an ey OP at R03712531 at 1426A. 23 rds were fired with 3 hits being reported.

This same observer also adjusted the bn on ey personnel in a house at 0315-2538 at 1516A. 17 rds were fired with 3 hits with delay fuze being reported.

b. Summary of Missions:

(1) Div Arty:-

Type	<u>14 ADA</u>		<u>38 IDA</u>		<u>42 IDA</u>		<u>103 IDA</u>	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB						1		
Per	8		15		4	9	14	
Veh	1		5		1			
MG & Mof	1	1	12		3	1	1	
Prep						90		
Def Fires		3						
Har		16		5	1	18		18
Reg	9		10		10		12	
Misc	2		7			6	8	
Prop		7				18		
TOTAL	21	27	49	5	19	143	35	18

(2) Corps Arty:-

Type	<u>6 Gp</u>		<u>35 Gp</u>		<u>46 Gp</u>		<u>405 Gp</u>	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	2	6	1	7		7		1
Per			1		2		1	
Veh			1					
Armor							2	
Har		2		30		11		11
Reg	9				4			
Misc	1	2						
Dist							2	
TOTAL	12	10	3	37	6	18	5	12

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SECTION IV. TANK DESTROYERS

Operations:

614 TD Bn - Providing AT defense in assigned sector. Companies did no firing during period. Company CO's continued to improve positions.

636 TD Bn - Maintaining AT defense in assigned sector. One TD of the 2d Plt A Co expended 96 rds HE, 2 rds Smoke, and 10 rds star shell during period. The HE was fired as harassing fire on suspected ey installations. The star shell was fired for the 1st Bn, 142 RCT, to enable them to spot ey movement in their sector. The results of this firing were undetermined. The 3d Plt of C Co moved to firing positions at (R045241) and (R044242) to fire into houses being used for ey MG positions and by snipers. The total number of rds expended were, 42 rds HE & 35 rds APC. Definite results of mission were unknown, but the ey firing stopped. Rcn Co - No change.

645 TD Bn - Providing AT defense in assigned sector. During period the 1st Plt B Co in indirect fire positions vic SPARSEACH (Q7631), expended 56 rds HE in unobserved harassing fire on ey supply routes and arty positions. Rcn Co - No change.

SECTION V. MISCELLANEOUS

No change in forward elements of the Corps.

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SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

1. a. The ey was very quiet during the early part of the period. The 36th Inf Div raiding party received heavy MG and SA fire at 2300A vic (Q979-267). A patrol from 14th Armd Div went to (Q922-282) and heard vehicular movement in BITCHHOFFEN (Q9128). Vehicular movement at 2000A was reported from 103rd Div sector moving on the road from ROTHEACH (Q8434) to OFFWILLER (Q8534) and N of UHILLER (Q8831). In the 42nd Inf Div sector, ey activity was limited to sporadic SA fire. PW captured in vic (Q979262) identifies II Bn 115 GR. Three PW deserter picked up by 14th Armd Div vic (Q923279) at 0700A were from 2 Co, 1st Bn, 104th Regt of 47th VGD.

b. During the afternoon the ey was relatively quiet harassing lightly with light artillery. Ey MG was heard in woods vic (Q926288) at 1450A. Ey activity noted vic (Q909323). 20 ey were observed on road at (Q912324) at 1705Agge- ing north. At the close of the period ey was quiet.

2. Radar--Stationary objects reported at (Q9694-3153), (R0273-3312), (R0288-3434), (Q9693-3150), and (Q9068-3212).

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. Except for a few 10 to 20 round concentrations enemy artillery fire continued to be very light and scattered, with apparently normal registrations forming the bulk of the missions. Early in the period 10-210mm caliber shells fell in SCHILLERSDORF, and long range light caliber guns threw a few rounds into HERSTHEIM (9721) and RINGELDOF (9125). Only two shellings were reported between midnight and noon, and they were both only three rounds in ALTHORN and HERSTHEIM. Early in the afternoon the enemy placed several light caliber small concentrations in the INGWILLER (8130) area, possibly intended as CB on our artillery positions there. The OBERHOFFEN, BISCHWILLER, and PHAFFENHOFFEN areas drew med cal fire in the afternoon, and light calibers threw a few rounds into the ALTHORN, SCHWEIGHAUSEN, LICHTENBERG, and MORSCHWILLER (9125) regions.

Of late the enemy has apparently begun the practise, when registering or firing single gun harassing missions, of firing about the same time two guns, each of different batteries located in much the same area, possibly in an attempt to prevent sound from picking up the positions. Today, however, the 938 FA Bn OP turned in two very accurate shellreps on mediums shelling in the BISCHWILLER areas and it so happened that one of the batteries was picked up by the 194 AOP and proved to be 1226 XI, while 2 FOB-B sound picked up two plots of 200 yard accuracy on 1225 QG to fix the other. This is an example of counterbattery made easy, for the guns were active between 1323A and 1331A, yet were located and reported by 1345A.

Shellrep total: 32

42 Div	103 Div	36 Div	14 AD	6 Gp	35 Gp	46 Gp	2 FOB	405 Gp
4	5	5	1	5	3	3	5	1

b. Changes to EB List #25:

(1) Additions:

CONC NO.	COORD	ACC	SOURCE	NO./TYPE
0326 RX	0368-2651	B	155 AOP	1/-

(2) Deletions:

1226 PO 7843.XX

(3) Amendments:

1225 QG to read 1205-2588  
1226 XI to read 1/Med

(4) Suspect List #25-9

0783-2456 155 AOP 1/G

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